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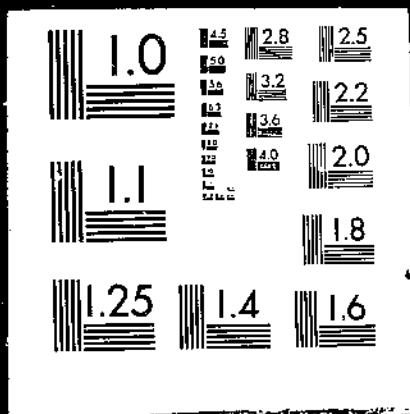
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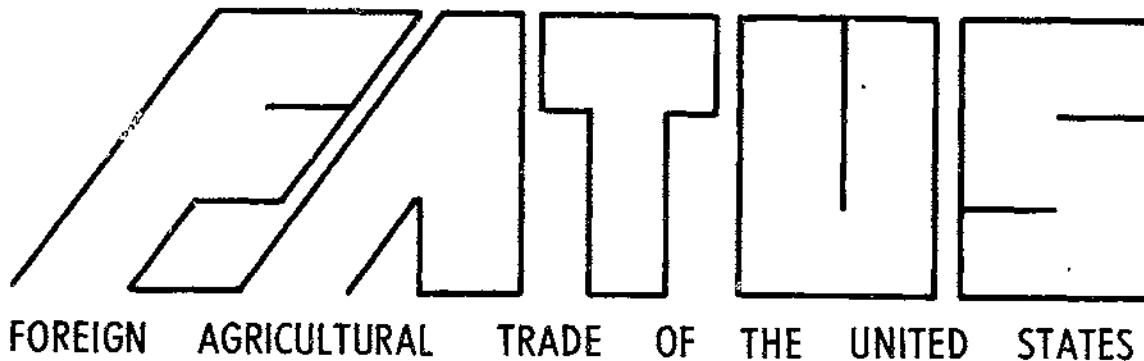
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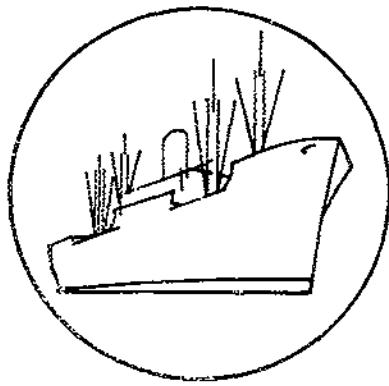
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FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES

Digest

U.S. Agricultural Imports from the Enlarged European Community (see p. 5). U.S. agricultural imports from the nine countries comprising the enlarged European Community totaled \$800 million in 1972, nearly one-fifth larger than a year earlier. In the past decade, U.S. agricultural imports from these countries have increased by over twofold, maintaining a 10-percent annual uptrend. In contrast to our agricultural exports to the enlarged EC of primarily raw materials, most of our farm product imports from the member countries are high-value processed items, principally wines, canned meats, cheese, malt liquors, and delicatessen products. Other important items are flower bulbs, olive oil, canned tomatoes, bakery products, prepared chocolate, and coffee products.

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Agricultural Trade Prices Increase Sharply--Export Price Rises Exceed Import Price Rises (see p. 14). During the winter quarter of 1973, the index of agricultural export prices rose 28.6 percent over a year earlier, and the import price index rose 19.0 percent. During the year ending in March 1973, export prices climbed 15.1 percent over a year earlier and import prices, 10.9 percent. Prices of whole cattle hides rose by far the most to more than twice the level of a year earlier. The quarterly soybean meal price was up 60 percent and the soybean price, 44 percent. Prices of imported livestock products (wool, cattle, beef and veal, and hams) increased 24 percent on the average, while imported crop product prices increased 17 percent.

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U.S. Shipments to COMECON Set New Record (see p. 18). U.S. agricultural exports to the seven members of COMECON reached \$653 million in 1972, mainly because of increased shipments to the USSR. Shipments to Poland, Romania, and Czechoslovakia were also up. Wheat, feed grains, cattle hides, soybeans, and soybean meal accounted for most of the overall increase. In July-April 1972/73, farm product shipments totaled \$957 million, compared with \$244 million for the same period in 1971/72.

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Government Program Export Highlights, July-March 1972/73 (see p. 28). While U.S. exports of agricultural products in July-March totaled \$8.89 billion, up 59 percent from a year earlier, shipments under Government-financed programs rose only slightly--to \$667 million from \$646 million. Decreases in sales for local currency, in Title II

shipments, and in exports under Mutual Security (AID) were more than offset by gains in long-term dollar credit sales.

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Selected Price Series of International Significance (see p. 34). During April, most prices shown in table 19 were higher than in March. However, feed grain prices tended to continue a slight downward drift. The price of cow meat, f.o.b. U.S. port of entry, was 7 percent lower than in March. There were no quotations for Australian wheat, c.i.f. U.K., Thai rice for export, and 1972-crop U.S. soybeans, c.i.f. U.K., because there were virtually no supplies. Cocoa bean and rubber prices continued their steep rise.

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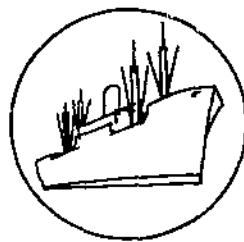
U.S. Agricultural Exports Hit \$10.2 Billion Record in July-April (see p. 38). U.S. agricultural exports during the first 10 months of fiscal 1973 rose 54 percent to an alltime high of \$10.2 billion. A sharp increase in grain exports accounted for about three-fifths of the overall increase. Soybeans, soybean meal, cattle hides, cotton, and fruits and vegetables also made significant contributions. The value of tobacco exports was about the same as a year earlier, while exports of dairy products and vegetable oils declined somewhat in value. Volume of U.S. exports gained about one-third during the first 10 months of fiscal year 1973, and export prices increased about 16 percent. Thus, around two-thirds of the value increase during July-April stemmed from increased volume, while the balance was due to higher prices.

April agricultural exports totaled \$1.2 billion, down slightly from the March record of \$1.4 billion, but still the second highest monthly total on record.

On a country basis, value increases were highest for the European Community, Japan, and the USSR. Exports to the enlarged EC increased by \$862 million to a record \$2.9 billion, and shipments to Japan increased by \$842 million to \$1.8 billion, and the USSR increased from \$569 million to \$672 million.

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U.S. Agricultural Import Value Expands 18 Percent in July-April (see p. 48). During April, U.S. farm product imports set a new record of \$696 million. Cumulative July-April 1972/73 purchases totaled \$5.87 billion, compared with just under \$5.0 billion for the same 10 months a year earlier. Higher prices accounted for about 80 percent of the increase. Competitive agricultural imports advanced 17 percent to \$3.78 billion, while noncompetitive items rose 19 percent to \$2.09 billion. All of the change in noncompetitive imports was the result of higher prices for coffee, cocoa, rubber, and carpet wool.



SPECIAL in this issue

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM THE ENLARGED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

U.S. agricultural imports from the nine countries comprising the enlarged European Community advanced by nearly one-fifth in 1972, reaching \$800 million, compared with \$678 million in 1971. These countries have become a very important supplier of farm products to the United States, with shipments growing at an annual rate of about 10 percent since 1960.

In contrast with U.S. exports to the enlarged EC of primarily raw products, most of our agricultural imports from the trade bloc are high-valued processed items. The most important items imported are canned meats, cheeses, wines, malted liquors, and specialized delicatessen foods. Nearly two-thirds of these imports are from the original six members--the Netherlands, France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg. In 1972, imports from these countries totaled \$525 million, up over \$100 million from a year earlier. Most of the increase occurred in wines, cheeses, and other specialty products. Higher prices also made up a big portion of the increase.

Nearly 90 percent of the 1972 agricultural imports from the enlarged EC were supplementary products which were partially competitive with domestic products. Because of the higher standards of living in the United States, demand for imported and specialty products has been gaining in recent years. Demand is particularly strong for many such products from Western Europe. Imports of meats from the enlarged EC totaled \$223 million in 1972, down slightly from a year earlier but still the major item imported. Demand for meat in the Community has increased, and with higher prices there, less was shipped to the United States. In addition, the devaluation of the dollar and appreciation of the currencies in the enlarged EC made many meat products less competitive in the U.S. market than previously.

The quantity of total U.S. meat imports from the enlarged EC declined by nearly 20 million pounds in 1972. The decline was concentrated in imports of beef and veal from Ireland. Pork imports were up slightly in quantity and sharply in value. Canned hams and shoulders totaled 211 million pounds, up from 199 million pounds in 1971. Denmark accounted for over two-thirds of the total and the Netherlands, for most of the remainder. Most of the imports of canned hams and shoulders are of relatively high quality, and they generally sell for higher prices than similar U.S. products. Canned meat imports are not subject to any restraints, and the import duty is only 2 to 3 cents per pound.

Dairy product imports from the enlarged EC in 1972 also rose sharply as a result of liberalization of quotas under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act. Such imports totaled \$74 million, compared with \$48 million in 1971 and \$51 million in 1967. Generally, these items are specialized high-priced products. Cheese alone accounted for over 80 percent of the 1972 total. Denmark and Italy were the largest suppliers, with each accounting for over one-fourth of the total dairy product imports. France, which supplied \$12 million worth, followed, ahead of the Netherlands and West Germany.

Wines have been the fastest growing agricultural import from the enlarged EC. Wine imports hit an alltime record of \$152 million in 1972, up from \$115 million a year earlier. Because of the sharp rise in demand for French and German wines, prices have increased sharply in the past year. Hence, about one-third of the 1972 value increase reflects higher prices. France was the largest supplier, sending a total of \$89 million in 1972. Italy followed with \$37 million, and West Germany accounted for most of the rest. Italy supplied nearly all of the \$14 million worth of vermouth purchased from the Community.

Imports of fruits, nuts, and vegetables--which have shown a slow, steady upward trend since the early 1960's--totaled over \$47 million in 1972, compared with \$36 million in 1971. Hops accounted for the gain in vegetable imports. Hop imports from the EC in 1971 were down sharply because a poor harvest limited supplies in West Germany. Other imports in this commodity group included canned tomato paste, sauces, olives in brine, candied cherries, cherries in brine, chestnuts, onions in brine, and prepared specialty products such as garlic, onions, tomato sauce, sauerkraut, pimentoes, and citron.

The United States purchased a wide variety of other agricultural products from the enlarged EC in 1972. Major items included tulip, hyacinth, gladiolus, lily, and narcissus bulbs from the Netherlands. Large quantities of olives and olive oil were imported from Italy, while the Netherlands supplied most of the palm and palm kernel oils. Other products included such items as downs, ossein, gelatin, spices, and candy.

Imports of EC grains and preparations, mostly bakery products, have increased sharply in recent years. As the result of the fast jetliners, France has become a leading supplier of a small but growing U.S. market for imported specialized bakery products.

Imports of complementary products have grown since 1967 and totaled \$95 million in 1972. Coffee extracts and concentrates increased from only \$4 million in 1967 to \$22 million in 1972. Cocoa and sweetened powder increased to \$15 million from only \$9 million in 1967. There has also been a sharp increase in imports of chocolate and prepared cocoa, which rose to \$20 million in 1972 from only \$9 million in 1967. Other important imports that are not competitive with U.S. agricultural products are for the most part items further processed, primarily in the Netherlands but also in other EC countries. These include silk, caraway, essential oils, wool, tea, and a large number of other exotic products.

Table 1.--U.S. agricultural imports from the European Community,
calendar years 1956-72 1/

Year	Total Enlarged EC	Total EC (6)	Netherlands	France	Italy
-- Million dollars --					
1956	234	182	62	39	49
1957	243	187	68	38	49
1958	278	203	81	37	53
1959	315	221	88	40	58
1960	313	221	82	43	56
1961	325	227	76	53	60
1962	344	232	80	49	64
1963	361	239	78	54	67
1964	355	258	73	66	72
1965	379	270	79	68	71
1966	473	306	97	72	75
1967	504	331	105	81	81
1968	551	362	124	86	83
1969	569	363	128	89	78
1970	699	436	160	107	82
1971	678	422	148	106	80
1972	800	525	153	156	102
-- Million dollars --					
West Germany : Belgium-Luxembourg : United Kingdom : Ireland : Denmark					
1956	25	7	24	5	23
1957	26	7	20	4	32
1958	26	6	21	11	43
1959	29	6	28	22	44
1960	31	8	25	23	44
1961	30	9	22	26	50
1962	29	10	25	28	59
1963	30	11	27	29	66
1964	35	11	23	10	64
1965	41	11	24	8	77
1966	41	21	30	22	115
1967	41	23	28	42	103
1968	56	14	32	36	121
1969	52	15	35	40	131
1970	69	17	51	52	161
1971	74	15	55	45	156
1972	93	20	61	30	184

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.--U.S. agricultural imports from the EC enlarged: Quantity and value by commodity or commodity group, calendar years 1967-72 1/

Commodity or commodity group	Unit	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars
EC Enlarged	---	---	503,955	---	550,976	---	568,625	---	699,365	---	677,791	---	800,199
Complementary	---	---	53,309	---	72,825	---	73,004	---	80,056	---	75,821	---	94,578
Coffee, extracts, essences, and concentrates	Lb.	1,902	3,604	904	1,974	2,450	4,846	5,007	10,107	6,978	15,252	8,162	21,647
Cocoa, unsweetened powder	do.	68,110	8,519	64,178	9,761	65,689	12,057	58,301	14,146	48,839	12,275	63,528	15,142
Silk, raw	do.	1,117	8,316	798	6,251	802	5,464	383	2,870	133	1,000	108	869
Essential oils	do.	1,373	7,552	1,613	9,666	1,226	7,939	1,480	8,265	1,300	8,987	1,972	12,828
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond	Glb.	13,696	6,465	20,943	9,016	14,734	6,614	8,484	3,833	12,743	5,738	11,116	6,595
Chocolate and cocoa prepared	Lb.	34,996	9,481	63,927	16,106	39,510	14,753	72,492	25,837	52,815	20,342	44,813	19,865
Tea, crude or prepared	do.	12,977	4,276	17,972	5,775	6,910	2,525	7,269	2,692	10,106	4,010	8,688	3,793
Other complementary	---	5,096	---	14,276	---	18,806	---	12,306	---	8,217	---	13,939	---
Supplementary	---	450,646	---	478,150	---	495,622	---	619,309	---	601,971	---	705,521	---
Meats and meat products	Lb.	280,305	168,725	274,274	176,391	288,601	199,458	310,903	229,869	302,841	224,639	283,447	223,150
Canned hams and shoulders	do.	151,274	112,548	170,079	128,528	174,867	144,494	186,941	165,977	198,875	168,787	210,987	182,985
Other pork	do.	28,070	12,274	26,348	11,616	21,905	10,405	22,695	12,953	13,685	7,384	17,693	9,413
Beef and veal	do.	82,354	35,614	60,105	27,719	71,522	34,503	74,244	37,365	68,841	37,654	34,125	19,663
Other meats and meat products	do.	18,607	8,289	17,742	8,528	20,307	10,056	27,023	13,574	21,440	10,814	20,642	11,089
Dairy products	---	50,838	---	44,878	---	42,763	---	53,944	---	47,747	---	73,777	---
Cheese	Lb.	74,369	36,033	96,494	41,249	72,795	37,902	84,525	46,879	69,609	41,635	87,848	60,546
Other dairy products	---	14,805	---	3,629	---	4,861	---	7,065	---	6,112	---	13,231	---
Hides and skins, excluding furskins	Lb.	15,734	5,371	15,824	4,455	8,252	3,159	10,303	12,641	7,883	14,383	9,687	14,437
Grains and preparations	---	12,748	---	14,339	---	15,130	---	18,029	---	20,916	---	23,002	---
Barley	Mton	23,999	1,501	19,349	1,027	32,468	1,499	2,542	147	0	0	0	0
Biscuits, wafers, cakes, etc.	Lb.	20,281	9,017	25,326	10,870	24,890	11,149	28,998	13,181	28,787	13,330	30,474	16,565
Other grains and products	---	2,230	---	2,462	---	2,482	---	4,701	---	7,586	---	6,437	---
Fruits, nuts, and preparations	---	11,534	---	12,367	---	12,613	---	11,525	---	13,010	---	15,561	---
Fresh fruits in brine	---	14	---	17	---	31	---	94	---	76	---	295	---
Dried fruits	Lb.	1,062	319	1,438	504	1,333	470	225	84	96	47	184	66
Edible nuts	---	3,444	---	2,837	---	3,000	---	2,856	---	2,748	---	4,068	---
Other	---	7,757	---	9,009	---	9,112	---	8,491	---	10,139	---	11,132	---
Vegetables and preparations	---	30,170	---	29,910	---	23,325	---	29,025	---	22,837	---	32,433	---
Oilseeds and products	---	16,060	---	20,857	---	15,967	---	16,862	---	16,754	---	17,238	---
Olive oil	Mton	8,662	6,961	10,603	8,117	8,941	6,911	9,132	7,285	8,826	7,349	11,501	10,444
Palm and palm kernel oil	do.	17,382	5,345	18,238	7,631	12,393	4,365	13,548	4,877	14,455	6,110	7,735	3,212
Other	---	3,754	---	5,109	---	4,691	---	4,700	---	3,295	---	3,582	---
Wines	Gal.	14,992	59,814	16,320	77,407	17,660	89,549	20,866	109,762	23,896	115,048	29,181	151,979
Malt liquors	do.	14,058	15,912	17,167	19,360	17,347	20,271	19,937	24,641	20,458	25,881	20,508	27,364
Nursery and greenhouse stock	---	13,148	---	13,784	---	14,453	---	15,347	---	13,932	---	18,613	---
Other supplementary	---	56,326	---	64,402	---	58,934	---	97,664	---	86,824	---	107,967	---

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: 1967-72 U.S. Foreign Agricultural Supplement.

Table 3.--U.S. agricultural imports from the EC: Quantity and value by commodity or commodity group, calendar years 1967-72 1/

Commodity or commodity group	Unit	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars
EC	---	331,218	---	362,459	---	362,552	---	435,530	---	422,429	---	525,279	
Complementary	---	40,453	---	46,376	---	43,735	---	51,771	---	50,915	---	66,135	
Coffee, extracts, essences, and concentrates	lb.	1,900	3,593	896	1,967	902	2,017	3,149	6,546	3,847	8,004	5,430	14,133
Cocoa, unsweetened powder	do.	67,602	8,445	63,847	9,714	64,772	11,906	55,912	13,728	45,517	11,737	59,896	14,542
Silk, raw	do.	1,117	8,316	798	6,251	802	5,464	382	2,862	133	1,000	108	869
Essential oils	do.	1,361	7,445	1,592	9,485	1,193	7,683	1,462	8,045	1,281	8,904	1,941	12,666
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond	lb.	2,645	908	3,860	1,230	2,113	749	1,026	291	880	230	1,131	387
Chocolate and cocoa prepared	lb.	11,543	4,952	26,997	9,073	16,483	9,983	28,128	14,715	23,926	11,838	19,163	10,751
Tea, crude or prepared	do.	12,555	3,859	17,294	5,224	6,307	1,991	6,662	2,117	9,073	3,268	7,760	3,054
Other complementary	do.	---	2,935	---	3,432	---	3,942	---	3,467	---	5,934	---	9,733
Supplementary	---	290,765	---	316,082	---	318,818	---	383,759	---	371,514	---	459,144	
Meats and meat products	lb.	78,818	55,245	86,552	61,846	89,965	72,036	92,607	80,105	87,390	75,305	79,786	70,808
Canned hams and shoulders	do.	70,790	50,456	78,449	57,126	81,897	67,103	82,313	73,461	82,277	71,255	75,172	66,485
Other pork	do.	6,014	2,792	5,685	2,349	5,813	2,512	6,269	3,518	2,108	1,336	1,456	849
Beef and veal	do.	68	50	215	120	89	68	336	221	218	145	549	455
Other meats and meat products	do.	1,946	1,947	2,202	2,251	2,166	2,353	3,689	2,905	2,787	2,569	2,609	3,019
Dairy products	---	37,550	---	34,670	---	30,656	---	35,610	---	31,191	---	49,006	
Cheese	lb.	40,352	23,824	70,413	31,500	44,573	26,343	41,355	29,586	34,963	26,134	45,332	39,409
Other dairy products	---	13,726	---	3,170	---	4,313	---	6,024	---	5,057	---	9,597	
Hides and skins, excluding furskins:lb.	lb.	12,734	4,132	14,005	3,521	7,152	2,539	9,344	3,209	6,968	2,167	8,577	3,355
Grains and preparations	---	6,437	---	6,541	---	6,873	---	8,438	---	10,841	---	9,720	
Barley	Mton	23,999	1,501	16,349	862	32,468	1,499	2,542	147	0	0	0	0
Biscuits, wafers, cakes, etc.	lb.	5,566	2,899	6,257	3,428	5,875	3,100	7,228	3,826	7,072	3,543	6,835	3,989
Other grains and products	---	2,037	---	2,251	---	2,274	---	4,463	---	7,298	---	5,731	
Fruits, nuts, and preparations	---	9,812	---	10,411	---	10,503	---	9,595	---	11,110	---	12,948	
Fresh fruits in brine	---	11	---	14	---	28	---	87	---	68	---	270	
Dried fruits	lb.	1,031	304	1,266	441	975	387	223	82	92	43	184	66
Edible nuts	---	3,192	---	2,657	---	2,868	---	2,689	---	2,621	---	3,892	
Other	---	6,305	---	7,299	---	7,220	---	6,737	---	8,378	---	8,720	
Vegetables and preparations	---	30,043	---	29,782	---	22,787	---	28,109	---	21,413	---	30,710	
Oilseeds and products	---	14,499	---	18,776	---	14,381	---	15,541	---	15,618	---	16,086	
Olive oil	Mton	8,662	6,961	10,603	8,117	8,939	6,910	9,131	7,284	8,826	7,349	11,501	10,444
Palm and palm kernel oil	do.	16,228	4,831	16,050	6,648	11,109	3,935	12,633	4,500	14,259	6,002	7,474	3,075
Other	---	2,707	---	4,011	---	3,536	---	3,757	---	2,267	---	2,567	
Wines	Gal.	14,631	68,031	15,867	75,099	17,131	86,895	20,204	106,513	23,246	111,839	28,652	149,150
Malt liquors	do.	12,022	13,371	14,495	16,326	15,004	17,299	17,068	21,029	17,313	22,022	17,789	24,398
Nursery and greenhouse stock	---	13,113	---	13,723	---	14,394	---	15,274	---	13,895	---	18,571	
Other supplementary	do.	38,532	---	45,387	---	40,455	---	60,338	---	56,113	---	74,392	

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: 1967-72 U.S. Foreign Agricultural Supplement.

Table 4--U.S. agricultural imports from the EC new members: Quantity and value by commodity or commodity group, calendar years 1967-72

Commodity or commodity group	Unit	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars	Thou-sands	1,000 dollars
EC new members	---	172,737	---	188,517	---	206,073	---	263,835	---	255,362	---	274,920	
Complementary	---	12,856	---	26,449	---	29,269	---	28,285	---	24,906	---	28,543	
Coffee, extracts, essences, and concentrates	Lb.	9	11	8	7	1,548	2,829	1,851	3,561	3,131	7,248	2,732	7,514
Cocoa, unsweetened powder	do.	508	74	331	47	917	151	2,389	418	3,322	538	3,632	600
Silk, raw	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0
Essential oils	do.	12	107	21	181	33	256	18	220	19	83	31	162
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond :Glb.	11,051	5,557	17,083	7,786	12,621	5,865	7,458	3,542	11,863	5,508	9,985	6,208	
Chocolate and cocoa prepared	Lb.	23,453	4,529	36,928	7,033	23,027	4,770	44,364	11,122	28,889	8,504	25,550	9,114
Tea, crude or prepared	do.	422	418	678	551	603	535	607	575	1,093	742	928	739
Other complementary	---	2,160	---	10,844	---	14,863	---	8,839	---	2,283	---	4,206	
Supplementary	---	159,881	---	162,068	---	176,804	---	235,550	---	230,457	---	246,377	
Meats and meat products	Lb.	201,487	113,480	187,722	114,545	198,636	127,422	218,296	149,764	215,451	149,334	203,661	152,342
Canned hams and shoulders	do.	80,484	62,092	91,630	71,402	92,970	77,391	104,628	92,516	116,598	97,532	135,815	116,500
Other pork	do.	22,056	9,482	20,662	9,267	16,092	7,893	16,426	9,435	11,577	6,048	16,237	8,564
Beef and veal	do.	82,286	35,564	59,890	27,599	71,433	34,435	73,908	37,144	68,623	37,509	33,576	19,208
Other meats and meat products	do.	16,661	6,342	15,540	6,277	18,141	7,703	23,334	10,669	18,453	8,245	18,033	8,070
Dairy products	---	13,288	---	10,208	---	12,107	---	18,334	---	16,556	---	24,771	
Cheese	Lb.	34,017	12,209	26,081	9,749	28,222	11,559	43,170	17,293	34,646	15,501	42,516	21,137
Other dairy products	do.	1,079	---	459	---	548	---	1,041	---	1,055	---	3,634	
Hides and skins, excluding furskins:Lb.	3,000	1,239	1,819	934	1,100	620	959	9,432	915	12,216	1,110	11,082	
Grains and preparations	---	6,311	---	7,796	---	8,257	---	9,593	---	10,075	---	13,282	
Barley	Mton	0	0	3,000	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biscuits, wafers, cakes, etc.	Lb.	14,715	6,118	19,069	7,442	19,015	8,049	21,770	9,355	21,715	9,787	23,639	12,576
Other grains and products	do.	193	---	191	---	208	---	238	---	288	---	706	
Fruits, nuts, and preparations	---	1,722	---	1,956	---	2,110	---	1,930	---	1,900	---	2,613	
Fresh fruits in brine	---	3	---	3	---	3	---	7	---	8	---	25	
Dried fruits	Lb.	31	15	172	63	358	83	2	2	4	4	0	0
Edible nuts	---	252	---	180	---	132	---	167	---	127	---	176	
Other	---	1,452	---	1,710	---	1,892	---	1,754	---	1,761	---	2,412	
Vegetables and preparations	---	127	---	128	---	538	---	916	---	1,424	---	1,723	
Oilseeds and products	---	1,561	---	2,081	---	1,586	---	1,321	---	1,136	---	1,152	
Olive oil	Mton	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Palm and palm kernel oil	do.	1,154	514	2,188	983	1,284	430	915	377	196	108	261	137
Other	---	1,047	---	1,098	---	1,155	---	943	---	1,028	---	1,015	
Wines	Gal.	361	1,783	453	2,308	529	2,654	662	3,249	650	3,209	529	2,829
Malt liquors	do.	2,036	2,541	2,672	3,034	2,343	2,972	2,869	3,612	3,145	3,859	2,710	2,966
Nursery and greenhouse stock	---	35	---	61	---	59	---	73	---	37	---	42	
Other supplementary	---	17,794	---	19,015	---	18,479	---	37,326	---	30,711	---	33,575	

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: 1967-72 U.S. Foreign Agricultural Supplement.

Table 5.--U.S. Agricultural imports from Denmark: Quantity and value by commodity or commodity group, calendar years 1967-72 1/

Commodity or commodity group	Unit	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars
Denmark	---	102,683	---	120,691	---	131,037	---	161,133	---	155,695	---	183,530	
Complementary	---	1,550	---	9,722	---	13,605	---	7,610	---	1,356	---	2,735	
Coffee, extracts, essences and concentrates	Lb.	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocoa, unsweetened powder	do.	0	0	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silk, raw	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essential oils	do.	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond :Glb.	0	0	67	32	0	0	0	0	59	28	0	0	0
Chocolate and cocoa prepared	Lb.	59	47	54	45	5	4	249	126	526	208	528	226
Tea, crude or prepared	do.	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other complementary	---	1,502	---	9,634	---	13,600	---	7,483	---	1,120	---	2,509	
Supplementary	---	101,133	---	110,969	---	117,432	---	153,523	---	154,339	---	180,795	
Meats and meat products	Lb.	119,040	77,753	127,573	86,799	126,867	92,702	144,310	112,476	148,838	113,108	172,126	134,624
Canned hams and shoulders	do.	80,384	62,023	91,584	71,372	92,693	77,159	104,318	92,236	116,563	97,497	135,631	116,343
Other pork	do.	21,873	9,353	20,355	9,109	15,901	7,773	16,282	9,348	11,512	6,005	16,127	8,493
Beef and veal	do.	135	57	126	68	185	98	388	235	2,215	1,422	2,391	1,773
Other meats and meat products	do.	16,648	6,320	15,508	6,250	18,088	7,672	23,322	10,657	18,568	8,184	17,977	8,015
Dairy products	---	11,855	---	9,509	---	11,178	---	16,786	---	14,710	---	20,450	
Cheese	Lb.	30,553	11,028	24,268	9,063	25,560	10,664	39,206	15,997	31,128	14,212	39,607	19,733
Other dairy products	---	827	---	446	---	514	---	789	---	498	---	717	
Hides and skins, excluding furskins: Lb.	1,618	542	470	192	437	227	153	7,382	391	10,767	104	9,372	
Grains and preparations	---	1,084	---	1,564	---	1,946	---	2,430	---	2,262	---	2,967	
Barley	Mton	0	0	3,000	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biscuits, wafers, cakes, etc.	Lb.	1,483	1,078	1,972	1,390	2,852	1,938	4,143	2,419	3,840	2,250	3,741	2,960
Other grains and preparations	---	6	---	9	---	8	---	11	---	12	---	51	
Fruits, nuts, and preparations	---	13	---	166	---	61	---	21	---	22	---	51	
Fresh fruits in brine	---	0	---	0	---	0	---	1	---	0	---	0	
Dried fruits	Lb.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edible nuts	---	8	---	5	---	7	---	15	---	20	---	7	
Other	---	5	---	161	---	54	---	5	---	2	---	44	
Vegetables and preparations	---	19	---	7	---	7	---	10	---	10	---	130	
Oilseeds and products	---	1,179	---	1,804	---	1,214	---	948	---	544	---	793	
Olive oil	Mton	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palm and palm kernel oil	do.	1,013	457	2,188	983	1,284	430	803	314	196	108	252	134
Other	---	722	---	821	---	783	---	634	---	436	---	659	
Wines	Gal.	327	1,624	409	2,146	457	2,416	572	2,994	540	2,853	426	2,419
Malt liquors	do.	1,132	1,628	1,286	1,799	1,129	1,874	1,202	2,020	1,124	1,948	717	893
Nursery and greenhouse stock	---	23	---	30	---	41	---	0	---	0	---	6	
Other supplementary	---	5,413	---	6,953	---	5,766	---	8,456	---	8,115	---	9,090	

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
Source: 1967-72 U.S. Foreign Agricultural Supplement.

Table 6.--U.S. Agricultural imports from United Kingdom: Quantity and value by commodity or commodity group, calendar years 1967-72 1/

Commodity or commodity group	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972		
	Unit:		Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value		Quantity		
	1,000 Thousands		dollars		1,000 Thousands		dollars		1,000 Thousands		dollars		
United Kingdom	---	27,888	---	32,113	---	35,225	---	50,881	---	54,680	---	60,937	
Complementary	---	7,577	---	11,125	---	11,904	---	15,819	---	20,489	---	22,658	
Coffee, extracts, essences and concentrates	Lb.	9	10	7	6	1,547	2,828	1,858	3,561	3,131	7,248	2,732	7,514
Cocoa, unsweetened powder	do.	508	74	314	41	917	151	2,389	418	3,322	538	3,623	600
Silk, raw	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0
Essential oils	do.	12	107	19	175	33	256	18	220	19	83	31	162
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond	Lb.	7,488	3,829	12,617	5,939	8,231	4,044	5,404	2,659	9,885	4,686	9,245	5,783
Chocolate and cocoa prepared	Lb.	12,396	2,506	16,348	3,222	13,333	2,923	24,332	7,486	16,890	6,123	13,566	6,254
Tea, crude or prepared	do.	403	.403	662	.539	588	.525	587	.559	1,019	.732	916	.729
Other complementary	---	648	---	1,203	---	1,177	---	908	---	1,079	---	1,616	
Supplementary	---	20,311	---	20,988	---	23,321	---	35,062	---	34,191	---	38,279	
Meats and meat products	Lb.	1,651	760	3,159	1,414	5,603	2,820	4,913	2,611	2,556	1,334	265	222
Canned hams and shoulders	do.	67	48	36	22	272	227	304	274	35	35	109	107
Other pork	do.	50	40	7	3	18	13	40	12	2	1	22	13
Beef and veal	do.	1,521	650	3,088	1,363	5,266	2,551	4,557	2,313	2,421	1,240	78	47
Other meats and meat products	do.	13	22	28	26	47	29	12	12	98	58	56	55
Dairy products	---	419	---	174	---	269	---	736	---	769	---	1,023	
Cheese	Lb.	450	172	388	161	768	235	1,604	493	1,411	516	983	587
Other dairy products	---	247	---	13	---	34	---	243	---	253	---	436	
Hides and skins, excluding furskins	Lb.	1,247	660	1,344	739	650	383	764	2,035	524	1,449	1,006	1,710
Grains and preparations	---	4,941	---	5,856	---	5,986	---	6,725	---	7,314	---	9,860	
Barley	Mton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biscuits, wafers, cakes, etc.	Lb.	12,644	4,794	16,250	5,733	15,516	5,853	16,582	6,538	16,790	7,084	19,038	9,222
Other grains and products	---	147	---	123	---	133	---	187	---	230	---	638	
Fruits, nuts, and preparations	---	1,531	---	1,623	---	1,873	---	1,749	---	1,666	---	2,311	
Fresh fruits and brine	---	3	---	3	---	2	---	3	---	4	---	21	
Dried fruits	Lb.	31	15	172	63	358	83	2	2	4	4	0	0
Edible	---	244	---	175	---	125	---	152	---	107	---	169	
Other	---	1,269	---	1,382	---	1,663	---	1,592	---	1,551	---	2,121	
Vegetables and preparations	---	100	---	114	---	524	---	887	---	1,276	---	1,508	
Oilseeds and products	---	382	---	277	---	367	---	370	---	514	---	296	
Olive oil	Mton	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Palm and palm kernel oil	do.	141	57	0	0	0	0	112	63	0	0	9	3
Other	---	325	---	277	---	367	---	306	---	514	---	293	
Wines	Gal.	33	157	44	162	71	237	90	255	108	347	102	408
Malt liquors	do.	447	491	772	764	745	720	1,031	1,096	1,011	1,042	1,244	1,353
Nursery and greenhouse stock	---	12	---	31	---	18	---	73	---	36	---	36	
Other supplementary	---	10,858	---	9,834	---	10,124	---	18,525	---	18,444	---	19,552	

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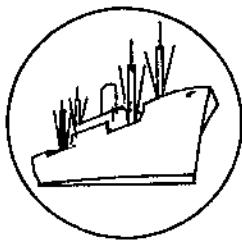
Source: 1967-72 U.S. Foreign Agricultural Supplement.

Table 7.--U.S. Agricultural imports from Ireland: Quantity and value by commodity or commodity group, calendar years 1967-72 1/

Commodity or commodity group	Unit	1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars	Thousands	1,000 dollars
Ireland	---	---	42,166	---	35,713	---	39,811	---	51,821	---	44,987	---	30,453
Complementary	---	---	3,729	---	5,602	---	3,760	---	4,856	---	3,061	---	3,150
Coffee, extracts, essences, and concentrates	Lb.	2/	1	2/	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocoa, unsweetened powder	do.	0	0	2/	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silk, raw	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essential oils	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond	Lb.	3,563	1,728	4,398	1,815	4,390	1,821	2,054	883	1,919	794	740	425
Chocolate and cocoa prepared	Lb.	10,998	1,976	20,526	3,766	9,689	1,843	19,783	3,510	11,473	2,173	11,556	2,634
Tea, crude or prepared	do.	18	14	16	12	15	10	19	15	14	10	12	10
Other complementary	---	10	---	7	---	86	---	448	---	84	---	84	81
Supplementary	---	---	38,437	---	30,111	---	36,051	---	46,965	---	41,927	---	27,303
Meats and meat products	Lb.	80,796	34,967	56,990	26,332	66,166	31,900	69,073	34,677	64,057	34,892	31,270	17,496
Canned hams and shoulders	do.	33	21	10	8	5	5	6	6	0	0	75	50
Other pork	do.	133	89	300	155	173	107	104	75	63	42	88	58
Beef and veal	do.	80,630	34,857	56,676	26,168	65,982	31,786	68,563	34,596	63,987	34,847	31,107	17,388
Other meats and meat products	do.	0	0	4	1	6	2	0	0	7	3	0	0
Dairy products	---	1,014	---	525	---	660	---	812	---	1,077	---	3,298	817
Cheese	Lb.	3,014	1,009	1,425	525	1,894	660	2,360	803	2,107	773	1,926	817
Other dairy products	---	5	---	0	---	0	---	9	---	304	---	2,481	455
Hides and skins, excluding furskins: Lb.		135	37	5	3	33	10	42	15	0	0	0	0
Grains and preparations	---	286	---	378	---	323	---	438	---	499	---	0	0
Barley	Mton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biscuits, wafers, cakes, etc.	Lb.	588	246	847	319	647	258	1,045	398	1,085	453	860	394
Other grains and preparations	---	40	---	59	---	67	---	40	---	46	---	61	4
Fruits, nuts, and preparations	---	178	---	167	---	176	---	160	---	212	---	251	4
Fresh fruits in brine	---	0	---	0	---	1	---	3	---	4	---	0	0
Dried fruits	Lb.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edible nuts	---	0	---	0	---	0	---	0	---	0	---	0	0
Other	---	178	---	167	---	175	---	157	---	208	---	247	85
Vegetables and preparations	---	8	---	7	---	7	---	19	---	138	---	63	0
Oilseeds and products	---	0	---	0	---	5	---	3	---	78	---	0	0
Olive oil	Mton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palm and palm kernel oil	do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	---	0	---	0	---	5	---	3	---	78	---	63	2
Wines	Gal.	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	9	1	2
Malt liquors	do.	457	422	614	471	469	378	636	496	1,010	869	758	720
Nursery and greenhouse stock	---	0	---	0	---	0	---	0	---	1	---	0	0
Other supplementary	---	1,523	---	2,228	---	2,589	---	10,345	---	4,152	---	4,933	4,933

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Source: 1967-72 U.S. Foreign Agricultural Supplement.



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AGRICULTURAL TRADE PRICES INCREASE SHARPLY-- EXPORT PRICE RISES EXCEED IMPORT PRICE RISES

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During the first quarter of 1973, the index of U.S. agricultural export prices rose to a record 128.6 percent of a year earlier (table 8). The corresponding import price index was also sharply up and amounted to 119.0. Thus, the terms of trade (export price index divided by import price index) were 108.1--a magnitude that was exceeded only once during the last 8 years, at a time when import prices dropped sharply. During the first quarter of 1973, however, exports and imports seemed to vie with each other in inflationary zeal, with import prices falling somewhat behind export prices.

For the 12-month period ended in March, the export price index was 115.1 percent of a year earlier, also a record increase although much smaller than the quarterly increase. Import prices during the 12 months ended in March averaged 110.9 percent of a year earlier, and the terms of trade were a more moderate 103.8 (compared with 108.1 for the winter quarter).

Cattle hide prices, which led the price increases of all commodities, were more than double the level of a year earlier during both the quarter and the 12-month period. Soybean meal prices followed with a 60-percent rise for the quarter and a 36-percent rise for the year. Soybean prices rose 44 and 22 percent, respectively. These two items carry heavy weights in the index numbers. Soybean oil was the only export commodity with a price decline. The quarterly soybean oil price was only 11.8 cents a pound, down from 14.9 cents a year earlier. Quarterly sorghum grain and corn prices rose 29 and 28 percent and annual prices of these two commodities were up 9 and 7 percent, respectively. The premium of sorghum grain prices over corn prices was thus not only continued but even slightly accentuated, with sorghum grain valued 9 cents a bushel or 5 percent more than corn during the winter quarter. From the summer of 1964 through the winter of 1971, the sorghum grain unit value exceeded that of corn in only 2 out of 27 quarters. But during the last 2 years, this happened in 6 out of 8 quarters; only during the summer quarters, the season before exportation of the new crop starts, did the corn price exceed the sorghum price.

The quarterly wheat price was \$2.06 a bushel, 23 percent above the level of a year earlier. The annual wheat price increase was a more moderate 11 percent and that of wheat flour was the same. However, during the winter quarter, the flour price was 139 percent of a year earlier. It amounted to \$5.64 a hundredweight. This implies that a pound of flour was valued 1.64 times as high as a pound of wheat. Over the preceding 16 quarters, this price relationship ranged from 1.41 to 1.52. If a pound of flour

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is worth 1.41 times as much as a pound of wheat, there is no processing margin, because about 1.4 pounds of wheat are required to make 1 pound of flour. With flour priced 1.5 times as much as wheat and with the wheat price at customary levels, the flour milling margin would be about 0.3 cent per pound of flour. The recent price relationship between wheat and flour implies a milling margin of 0.9 cent per pound of flour. However, the wheat-flour price relationship in the annual series implies a milling margin of only 0.3 cent per pound of flour.

The price of milled rice was 11.2 cents a pound during the winter quarter, 30 percent above a year earlier, reflecting strong foreign demand and the shortage of rice in southeast Asia. That price converts to \$248 a metric ton and compares with a price level of around \$200 for Thai export rice, 5 percent broken, f.o.b. Bangkok, before weekly quotations for such rice were suspended by the Bangkok Board of Trade early in March.

The inedible tallow price for the quarter was one-sixth above the depressed level of a year ago. However, the annual price, which was still affected by the low price level that prevailed during most of 1972, averaged 3 percent below a year earlier.

The export unit value of flue-cured tobacco dropped seasonally from the fall to the winter quarter, as it has in each of the last 9 years; but at \$1.28 a pound, it was 7 percent higher than a year earlier. The annual price of \$1.24 similarly was up 8 percent, a rate of increase somewhat in excess of the average annual increase in the price since 1965, which was 5.3 percent.

Nonfat dry milk exports dwindled to very small amounts during the first quarter, as the United States became a net importer of that commodity. The price was up 7 percent from a year earlier.

The cotton price, at 53 cents a pound, was stable from the first quarter of 1972 to the first quarter of 1973; but the annual price was up 9 percent from a year earlier.

Just as cattle hide prices led the price increases of export commodities, so did clothing wool prices, another livestock product, lead the import price increases. With the price almost double that of a year earlier and the quantity up almost one-and-one-half, the value of clothing wool imports during the first quarter of 1973 was 277 percent of a year earlier. The annual price increase, although only 52 percent, similarly led all other increases.

The quarterly unit value of dutiable cattle (i.e., cattle other than for breeding) was \$148 a head, compared with \$108 a year earlier, a 37-percent increase. The annual increase was 26 percent, from \$113 to \$142 a head. Beef and veal unit values were up 21 percent for the quarter and 11 percent for the year. At the same time, quantities imported were sharply up. Ham prices increased somewhat less and the quantity of hams imported declined.

For the four livestock products included in the import price index, the average quarterly price increase was 24 percent, compared with an average increase of 17 percent for crop product imports (the weighted average of these two sub-indexes is the increase in the quarterly import price index of 19 percent).

Cocoa bean prices rose the most of all imported crop product prices, 48 percent for the quarter and 18 percent for the year. The price of coffee, the leading import product, climbed from 40 to 50 cents a pound from the first quarter of 1972 to the first quarter of 1973, while the 12-month average price rose from 40 to 46 cents.

The quarterly rubber price was 16 cents a pound, up one-sixth from a year earlier, while the annual rubber price, at 14.5 cents, was fractionally below a year earlier

and still reflected the depressed level of rubber prices during the 7 quarters from spring 1971 through fall 1972.

The price of sugar during the first quarter was 9 percent above the level of a year earlier. This is the first price comparison between two periods that were subject to the price objective of the 1971 Sugar Act Amendments. The annual increase was 10 percent. Here, the base year of comparison, April 1971-March 1972, was still mostly subject to price considerations of the 1965 legislation. Actual prices were low during both base periods, the winter quarter of 1972 and the 12-month period, April 1971-March 1972.

Higher prices of imported wine have received much publicity. Against that background, the actual price increases of 11 percent for the quarter and 3.5 percent for the year seem anticlimactic. Banana and tomato prices were up somewhat but were comparatively stable in light of most other price movements. The unit value of imported tobacco continued its long-time decline. At 57.6 cents a pound, the quarterly price was 4.5 percent less than year earlier, reflecting a more rapid decline than the average annual rate since 1965, which was 2.7 percent. The annual price, on the other hand, dropped only fractionally below a year earlier.

The quantity indexes, which are obtained as byproducts of the price indexes, were down slightly for imports, but were up considerably for exports as the following tabulation shows:

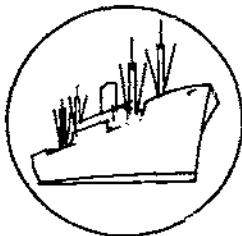
	Year ending March 1973	Quarter ending March 1973
	Percent of a year earlier	
Quantity index of imports	98.3	99.4
Quantity index of exports	128.2	149.9

Table 8.--Unit values of 25 leading U.S. agricultural trade commodities, years and quarters ending March 1972 and 1973 1/

Commodity	Unit	Unit value					
		Year ending March			Quarter ending March		
		1973	1972	1973	1973	1972	1973
		Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Percent
Export commodities:							
Wheat	Bu.	1.859	1.682	110.5	2.065	1.680	122.9
Wheat flour	Cwt.	4.563	4.090	111.6	5.639	4.056	139.0
Corn	Bu.	1.510	1.407	107.3	1.743	1.360	128.2
Sorghum grain	do.	1.567	1.443	108.6	1.832	1.419	129.1
Soybeans	do.	3.863	3.157	122.4	4.603	3.187	144.4
Soybean meal	Cwt.	6.035	4.452	135.6	7.206	4.491	160.5
Soybean oil	Lb.	.127	.142	89.4	.118	.149	79.2
Cotton	do.	.329	.303	108.6	.326	.322	101.2
Tobacco, flue-cured	do.	1.241	1.144	108.5	1.282	1.197	107.1
Rice, milled	Cwt.	9.857	8.623	114.3	11.244	8.634	130.2
Tallow, inedible	do.	8.213	8.504	96.6	8.901	7.701	115.6
Hides, cattle, whole	No.	18.224	8.577	212.5	22.505	9.819	229.2
Nonfat dry milk	Lb.	.276	.283	97.5	.294	.275	106.9
Average, i.e., index number <u>2/</u>				115.1			128.6
Import commodities:							
Coffee	Lb.	.460	.398	115.6	.503	.399	126.1
Sugar	Cwt.	8.048	7.313	110.1	8.222	7.558	108.8
Beef and veal, fresh, chilled, or frozen	Lb.	.592	.534	110.9	.633	.524	120.8
Hams	do.	.879	.826	106.4	.973	.834	116.7
Rubber	do.	.145	.146	99.3	.160	.137	116.8
Cocoa beans	do.	.276	.234	117.9	.312	.211	147.9
Bananas	Cwt.	4.525	4.380	103.3	4.572	4.332	105.5
Wines	Gal.	4.540	4.387	103.5	4.510	4.059	111.1
Tobacco	Lb.	.589	.592	99.5	.576	.603	95.5
Cattle, dutiable	No.	142.282	113.239	125.6	147.550	107.983	136.6
Tomatoes	Lb.	.152	.150	101.3	.157	.156	100.6
Wool, except free in bond	do.	.733	.482	152.1	.945	.490	192.9
Average, i.e., index number <u>2/</u>				110.9			119.0
Terms of trade (export index divided by import index) ...				103.8			108.1

1/ Unit values were computed from the value and quantity figures published in Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States. Cotton poundages were obtained from U.S. Bureau of the Census Reports, Supplement to EM 522.

2/ The index numbers are of "Fisher's Ideal" type.



SPECIAL in this issue

U.S. SHIPMENTS TO COMECON SET NEW RECORD

Members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance became significant purchasers of U.S. farm products in 1972. Agricultural exports to the COMECON area--Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and the USSR--reached a record \$653 million in 1972, compared with \$210 million in 1971 and a 1960-70 average of \$137 million. The previous record, \$313 million, was hit in 1964. Increased U.S. agricultural exports to COMECON in 1972 were primarily due to poor crops stemming from bad weather in the member countries. In addition, recent attempts to raise livestock and meat production levels lead to larger purchases of U.S. feed supplements.

The 1972 agricultural exports accounted for 80 percent of the overall increase in U.S. exports to COMECON countries. COMECON's share of the U.S. agricultural export market was nearly 7 percent in 1972, compared with 2.7 percent a year earlier. During 1960-70, that share averaged less than 2 percent, except for 1964, when it was 5 percent.

During July-April 1972/73, U.S. exports of agricultural products to the COMECON area totaled \$957 million, compared with \$244 million in similar months a year earlier.

U.S. agricultural imports from the COMECON members moved up to \$83 million in 1972 from \$63 million in 1971. Imports are dominated by canned pork from Poland.

Agricultural shipments to the USSR broke all previous records in 1972, reaching \$462 million and accounting for 85 percent of all U.S. exports to the Soviet Union. Severe winterkill of USSR grain crops in 1971/72 followed by hot, dry weather produced a relatively poor crop. The USSR bought about 30 million tons of grain from various countries including the United States, Canada, Australia, and France, mainly for delivery in 1972/73. Purchases from the United States included wheat, feed grains, and soybeans. In 1972, U.S. wheat exports to the USSR, including transshipments through Canada, amounted to 2,755,000 tons (\$165 million); feed grains, 4,534,000 tons (\$231 million); and soybeans, 397,000 tons (\$53 million).

From July 1972 through April 1973, 6,666,000 tons of wheat (\$398 million), 3,072,000 tons of feed grains (\$166 million), and 781,000 tons of soybeans (\$106 million) were shipped to the USSR. Total U.S. agricultural exports to the USSR in July-April 1972/73 amounted to \$693 million, compared with \$118 million during the same 10 months of 1971/72. (However, no allowance has been made for shipments on Soviet account for delivery to other countries.)

Poland, the second largest COMECON market in 1972, took \$83 million in U.S. farm exports, compared with \$63 million in 1971. Larger shipments of wheat, soybeans, oilcake, cattle hides, cotton, linseed oil, and alfalfa seed more than offset declines in feed grains, tallow, cottonseed oil, and butter.

U.S. agricultural imports from Poland rose again after a fall in 1971. Imports, mostly of canned hams, totaled nearly \$65 million in 1972 against \$50 million in 1971 and \$54 million in 1970.

Farm product exports to Romania rose sharply in 1972. They totaled \$45 million, compared with \$34 million in 1971 and \$38 million--the previous record--in 1970. Over 183,000 tons of corn moved to that country for the first time in 1972. Also, sharp rises for cattle hides and soybean meal occurred. U.S. agricultural imports from Romania jumped to \$5.3 million in 1972 from \$1.7 million in the previous year, mainly because of larger canned pork entries.

Shipments to Czechoslovakia also set a new record in 1972 at \$39 million due to strong export expansion for soybean meal, cattle hides, barley, and hops.

U.S. farm exports to East Germany and Hungary dropped in 1972 from year-earlier levels. Bulgaria took slightly more, but value remained below the 1964-70 average.

The above data on U.S. agricultural exports to the COMECON area include transshipments through Canada, but exclude transshipments through Netherlands and West Germany. Transit movements through West Germany to East Germany totaled an estimated \$33 million in 1972 and represented 104,000 tons of wheat (\$6 million) and 527,000 tons of corn (\$27 million).

Table 9.--U.S. agricultural exports to COMECON: Value by destination, calendar years 1960-72 1/

Year	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia	East Germany	Hungary	Poland
-- 1,000 dollars, f.o.b. --					
1960	52	655	1,010	462	135,092
1961	6	4,273	2,581	556	64,333
1962	6	3,896	1,663	154	84,538
1963	91	5,685	6,070	17,397	107,513
1964	4,367	8,760	16,670	13,964	130,268
1965	2,506	23,532	10,897	7,958	26,451
1966	1,696	31,852	21,031	7,731	44,695
1967	2,974	9,207	22,318	4,336	48,709
1968	2,554	8,155	24,115	8,510	71,917
1969	2,348	4,415	24,597	3,805	38,531
1970	5,421	9,342	12,233	20,213	50,487
1971	1,111	29,688	19,372	18,932	63,083
1972	1,566	39,412	11,631	10,453	82,772
-- 1,000 dollars, f.o.b. --					
	Romania	USSR	Total	Noncommercial 2/	Commercial
-- 1,000 dollars, f.o.b. --					
1960	143	2,727	140,141	129,845	10,296
1961	253	18,084	90,086	48,359	41,727
1962	256	11,014	101,527	64,413	37,114
1963	137	9,069	145,962	61,138	84,824
1964	2,059	136,998	313,086	72,779	240,307
1965	2,334	34,599	108,277	7,760	100,517
1966	6,400	23,218	136,623	7,021	129,602
1967	1,939	19,335	108,818	5,295	103,523
1968	1,070	5,261	121,582	11,398	110,184
1969	4,371	11,591	89,658	4,691	84,967
1970	37,718	15,884	151,298	4,322	146,976
1971	33,579	44,553	210,318	6,233	204,085
1972	44,823	462,360	653,017	0	653,017

1/ Adjusted for transshipments through Canada. 2/ Exports under P.L. 480 programs, mainly to Poland in 1960-70, and Romania in 1971.

Table 10.--U.S. agricultural trade with COMECON: Value by country; calendar years 1968-72

Item and country	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
-- 1,000 dollars --					
Exports to: 1/					
Bulgaria	2,554	2,348	5,421	1,111	1,566
Czechoslovakia	8,155	4,415	9,342	29,688	39,412
East Germany	24,115	24,597	12,233	19,372	11,631
Hungary	8,510	3,805	20,213	18,932	10,453
Poland	71,917	38,531	50,487	63,083	82,772
Romania	1,070	4,371	37,718	33,579	44,823
USSR 2/	5,261	11,591	15,884	44,553	462,360
Total	121,582	89,658	151,298	210,318	653,017
Imports from:					
Bulgaria	3,810	1,129	1,736	1,796	2,341
Czechoslovakia	2,173	2,051	2,526	1,924	1,100
East Germany	76	55	5	236	184
Hungary	605	710	3,304	4,526	5,662
Poland	46,854	50,958	52,464	49,618	64,572
Romania	1,327	1,106	1,107	1,701	5,279
USSR 2/	2,245	946	506	3,020	3,849
Total	57,090	56,955	61,648	62,821	82,987

1/ Includes commodities transshipped through Canada.

2/ Includes trade separately tabulated for Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Table 11.--U.S. agricultural exports to COMEDON: Quantity and value by country
and commodity, calendar years 1968-72

Country and Commodity	Unit	Quantity					Value				
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
		-- Thousands --					-- 1,000 dollars --				
Bulgaria:											
Cattle for breeding	No.	0	0	0	0	1/	0	0	0	0	65
Soybeans	Mton	0	0	1/	0	0	0	0	76	0	0
Oil cake and meal	do.	25	30	56	10	0	2,416	2,313	5,293	1,033	0
Cattle hides	No.	1	0	0	5	65	7	0	0	50	724
Other hides and skins	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0	0	0	0
Almonds	Lb.	0	0	0	0	139	0	0	0	0	111
Tobacco, unmanufactured	do.	66	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	82	35	52	28	666
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,554	2,348	5,421	1,111	1,566
Czechoslovakia:											
Cattle, for breeding	No.	0	0	0	0	1/	0	0	0	0	32
Corn, unmilled	Mton	64	0	8	259	36	3,400	0	478	15,840	1,918
Barley, unmilled	do.	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	2,284
Soybeans	do.	4	11	8	2	0	355	1,058	809	197	0
Oilcake and meal	do.	13	1/	44	79	124	1,063	9	3,808	7,230	14,564
Cattle hides	No.	297	302	501	692	852	2,197	2,715	4,020	5,394	13,002
Other hides and skins	--	--	--	--	--	--	55	99	97	220	95
Almonds, fr., dr.	Lb.	0	0	66	297	0	0	0	56	219	0
Hops and hop extract	do.	425	491	0	54	3,670	148	303	0	53	3,189
Cotton, raw	Rbale	1/	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0
Tobacco, unmanufactured	Lb.	52	80	22	246	462	65	198	53	266	434
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	782	33	21	269	3,894
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	8,155	4,415	9,342	29,688	39,412
East Germany:											
Wheat, unmilled	Mton	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	2,490
Corn, unmilled	do.	336	421	166	264	147	16,694	21,794	9,964	14,449	7,475
Soybeans	do.	0	5	0	15	0	0	601	0	1,662	0
Oil cake and meal	do.	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	478	0	0
Cattle hides, whole	No.	0	6	25	20	0	0	40	124	228	0
Other hides and skins	--	--	--	--	--	--	104	13	21	29	85
Almonds, shelled	Lb.	0	0	99	0	165	0	0	72	0	132
Hops and hop extract	do.	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	113
Tobacco, unmanufactured	do.	1,350	1,303	396	631	550	1,201	1,009	349	526	451
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,116	1,140	1,225	2,478	885
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	24,115	24,597	12,233	19,372	11,631
Hungary:											
Cattle for breeding	No.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	407
Wheat, unmilled	Mton	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	269	0	0
Corn, unmilled, excluding seed	do.	42	0	0	0	0	1,935	0	0	0	0
Soybeans	do.	0	0	34	12	0	0	0	3,611	1,452	0
Oil cake and meal	do.	33	40	164	147	58	3,411	3,498	15,107	15,093	6,619
Cattle hides, whole	No.	25	5	37	120	93	202	11	298	906	1,150
Other hides and skins	--	--	--	--	--	--	339	194	134	393	1,323
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,623	102	794	1,068	954
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	8,510	3,805	20,213	18,932	10,453

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Table 11.--U.S. agricultural exports to COMECON: Quantity and value by country and commodity, calendar years 1968-72--Continued

Country and Commodity	Unit	Quantity						Value					
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	-- 1,000 dollars --	
												-- Thousands --	
Poland:													
Wheat, unmilled	Mton	23	0	0	0	111	1,650	0	0	0	0	6,610	
Corn, unmilled	:do.	327	158	98	337	246	16,021	8,372	5,355	19,488	13,487		
Barley, unmilled	:do.	0	0	3	65	59	0	0	95	3,451	2,844		
Soybeans	:do.	57	91	96	68	104	5,642	8,725	9,976	7,665	12,759		
Oil cake and meal	:do.	95	89	101	92	111	9,109	8,537	9,088	9,395	12,619		
Cattle hides, whole	:No.	243	274	152	464	545	1,682	2,574	1,321	3,700	8,580		
Other hides and skins		---	---	---	---	---	317	650	381	1,202	1,112		
Almonds, fr., dr.	:lb.	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	27	
Hops and hop extract	:do.	0	572	11	67	565	0	356	7	57	530		
Linseed oil, raw	:do.	0	0	7,993	26,186	75,781	0	0	821	2,094	6,252		
Cotton, raw	:Bale	134	27	47	0	47	18,018	3,548	5,733	0	7,736		
Tobacco, unmanufactured	:lb.	986	999	904	974	1,216	304	803	719	1,103	1,430		
Other		---	---	---	---	---	19,174	4,966	16,991	14,928	8,785		
Total		---	---	---	---	---	71,917	38,531	50,487	63,083	82,772		
Romania:													
Wheat, unmilled	Mton	0	0	152	334	29	0	0	9,135	19,539	1,440		
Corn, unmilled	:do.	0	0	0	0	183	0	0	0	0	9,621		
Barley, unmilled	:do.	0	0	424	32	0	0	0	14,078	1,569	0		
Oats, unmilled	:do.	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	1,660	0	0		
Soybeans	:do.	0	0	0	0	1/	0	0	0	0	1		
Oil cake and meal	:do.	5	10	0	0	52	479	787	0	0	5,513		
Cattle hides, whole	:No.	77	379	449	571	1,200	570	3,091	3,664	4,389	19,617		
Other hides and skins		---	---	---	---	---	0	142	0	0	182		
Hops and hop extract	:lb.	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	40		
Cotton, raw	:Bale	0	0	46	57	44	0	0	6,732	8,060	7,387		
Other		---	---	---	---	---	21	351	2,449	22	1,022		
Total		---	---	---	---	---	1,070	4,371	37,718	33,579	44,823		
USSR:													
Cattle, for breeding	:No.	0	0	0	1/	1/	0	0	0	181	181		
Wheat, unmilled	Mton	0	1/	0	3	2,755	0	3	0	724	164,648		
Corn, unmilled	:do.	0	0	0	471	3,415	0	0	0	25,243	185,182		
Barley, unmilled	:do.	1/	0	0	0	813	1/	0	0	0	33,931		
Oats, unmilled	:do.	0	1/	0	41	306	0	1	0	1,829	12,102		
Soybeans	:do.	0	0	0	0	397	0	0	0	0	53,148		
Cattle hides, whole	:No.	383	1,221	1,492	1,251	518	2,796	11,508	14,064	10,876	9,557		
Other hides and skins		---	---	---	---	---	2,432	78	704	4,189	806		
Almonds, fr., dr.	:lb.	0	0	1,263	3,965	1,329	0	0	951	1,495	1,053		
Linseed oil, raw	:do.	0	0	0	0	22,046	0	0	0	0	1,700		
Tobacco, unmanufactured	:do.	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	37		
Other		---	---	---	---	---	33	1	165	16	5		
Total		---	---	---	---	---	5,261	11,591	15,884	44,553	462,360		
Total COMECON:													
Cattle, for breeding	:No.	0	0	0	1/	2	0	0	0	181	685		
Wheat, unmilled	Mton	23	1/	157	337	2,936	1,650	3	9,411	20,263	175,188		
Corn, unmilled	:do.	769	579	272	1,330	4,028	38,033	29,923	15,798	75,019	217,684		
Barley, unmilled	:do.	1/	0	427	97	921	1/	0	14,173	5,020	39,059		

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Table 11.--U.S. agricultural exports to COMECON: Quantity and value by country and commodity, calendar years 1968-72--Continued

Country and Commodity	Unit	Quantity						Value					
		1968			1969			1970			1971		
-- Thousands --												-- 1,000 dollars --	
Total COMECON--Continued:													
Date, unmilled	Mton	0	1/	32	44	327		0	1	1,660	1,829	12,192	
Soybeans	:do.	60	107	138	98	561		5,997	10,384	14,472	10,976	65,908	
Oil cake and meal	:do.	171	168	370	328	344		16,477	15,144	33,774	32,752	39,316	
Cattle hides, whole	:No.	1,022	2,199	2,633	3,133	3,274		7,374	19,986	23,401	25,543	52,691	
Other hides and skins		---	---	---	---	---		3,326	1,241	1,428	6,227	3,809	
Almonds	:Lb.	0	0	1,428	4,262	1,666		0	0	1,078	1,713	1,333	
Hops and hop extract	:do.	425	1,063	11	121	4,343		148	659	7	110	3,872	
Linseed oil	:do.	0	2	7,993	26,186	97,827		0	1	821	2,094	7,953	
Cotton, raw	:Bale	134	27	94	57	91		18,108	3,548	12,509	8,060	15,124	
Tobacco, unmanufactured	:Lb.	1,853	2,382	1,322	1,851	2,272		1,619	2,009	1,121	1,894	2,352	
Other		---	---	---	---	---		28,850	6,759	21,645	18,637	16,001	
Total		---	---	---	---	---		121,582	89,658	151,298	210,318	653,017	

1/ Less than \$500.

Table 12.--U.S. agricultural imports from COMECON: Quantity and value by country and commodity, calendar years 1968-72

Country and Commodity	Unit	Quantity					Value				
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
		-- Thousands --					-- 1,000 dollars --				
Bulgaria:											
Casein	Lb.	402	0	220	68	44	76	0	52	21	19
Cheese	do.	1,652	475	24	873	1,481	497	149	10	255	562
Pork, canned	do.	0	0	0	417	590	0	0	0	190	286
Prunes and plums, dried	do.	83	44	947	864	1,158	8	4	79	57	91
Other fruits, dried	do.	105	0	0	4	1	14	0	0	1	1
Onions, dried	do.	49	55	0	11	277	13	15	0	3	75
Paprika	do.	2,423	1,623	2,263	1,314	1,006	861	536	716	444	342
Other spices	do.	95	261	251	239	213	56	53	64	74	84
Furskins 2/	do.	---	---	---	---	---	NA	NA	NA	0	41
Drugs, herbs, and roots	Lb.	256	421	301	450	702	50	72	59	111	208
Rose oil	Aoz.	24	10	18	9	14	495	262	649	325	542
Other	do.	---	---	---	---	---	1,740	38	107	315	90
Total		---	---	---	---	---	3,810	1,129	1,736	1,796	2,341
Czechoslovakia:											
Pork, canned	Lb.	2,690	2,256	2,546	1,756	583	1,635	1,511	1,860	1,287	433
Cheese	do.	307	138	204	257	322	64	30	52	57	69
Confectionery products 2/	do.	NA	NA	800	869	NA	NA	NA	NA	142	187
Chocolate, sweetened	do.	102	210	304	118	157	67	123	137	61	95
Ale, beer	Gal.	36	42	66	70	73	42	47	81	89	103
Wine	do.	22	10	10	17	12	46	23	22	36	26
Furskins 2/	do.	---	---	---	---	---	NA	NA	NA	45	38
Bristles, crude	Lb.	11	31	42	17	18	21	87	120	49	45
Feathers and down	do.	47	43	31	34	56	74	56	65	67	81
Drugs, herbs, and roots	do.	0	0	0	66	2	0	0	0	21	1
Other	do.	---	---	---	---	---	224	174	189	70	22
Total		---	---	---	---	---	2,173	2,051	2,526	1,924	1,102
East Germany:											
Pork, canned	Lb.	78	40	0	76	37	47	28	0	57	25
Ale, beer	Gal.	4	0	2	0	1	4	0	3	0	1
Furskins 2/	do.	---	---	---	---	---	NA	NA	NA	167	133
Other	do.	---	---	---	---	---	25	27	2	12	25
Total		---	---	---	---	---	76	55	5	236	184
Hungary:											
Pork, canned	Lb.	0	149	3,548	4,538	6,214	0	96	2,568	3,327	4,778
Cheese	do.	261	614	968	368	268	59	184	254	113	97
Onions, dried	do.	88	52	0	15	22	24	14	0	5	6
Other prepared vegetables	do.	62	97	31	63	55	46	18	11	5	9
Paprika	do.	321	131	113	30	166	119	50	42	11	101
Other spices	do.	65	160	80	100	258	17	44	53	62	133
Wine	Gal.	47	58	77	71	91	204	237	289	257	365
Feathers and down	Lb.	77	55	31	15	19	90	29	17	11	21
Drugs, herbs, and roots	do.	41	26	22	42	50	26	15	22	28	22
Corn seed	Bu.	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	659	0
Other	do.	---	---	---	---	---	20	23	48	48	130
Total		---	---	---	---	---	605	710	3,304	4,526	5,662

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Table 12--U.S. agricultural imports from COMECON: Quantity and value by country and commodity, calendar years 1968-72--Continued

Country and Commodity	Unit	Quantity						Value					
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	
		-- Thousands --											
Poland:													
Horses	No.	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/		28	77	183	79	248	
Beef, canned	Lb.	65	37	103	9	0		26	15	38	3	0	
Pork, canned	do.	55,125	53,592	56,038	54,916	66,622		38,705	44,807	47,031	43,320	52,707	
Meat, other	do.	1,156	776	269	179	201		393	253	114	75	94	
Cassin	do.	10,751	2,775	658	2,260	6,996		2,068	543	183	923	3,367	
Cheese	do.	2,960	2,141	2,313	1,391	2,037		681	477	501	411	729	
Blueberries, frozen	do.	2,181	877	316	138	195		429	193	71	36	57	
Strawberries, frozen	do.	5,803	4,776	8,029	852	3,886		981	787	1,250	149	685	
Berries, other	do.	183	608	784	728	2,364		33	119	154	144	539	
Mushrooms, canned	do.	60	71	74	11	12		41	70	60	12	14	
Confectionery products 2/	do.	NA	NA	NA	1,315	1,485		NA	NA	NA	237	288	
Other vegetable preparations	da.	910	355	733	928	1,240		144	37	76	138	141	
Caraway seeds	do.	3,007	2,370	2,204	821	2,129		465	361	365	227	826	
Chicory roots	do.	6,765	5,573	3,147	7,513	8,767		190	202	206	389	439	
Poppy seeds	Cwt.	18	10	11	6	8		367	260	360	208	190	
Ale, beer	Gal.	31	37	23	39	38		24	32	25	40	42	
Wine	Gal.	16	6	1/	40	44		45	16	1	134	175	
Hides and skins	---	---	---	---	---	---		307	761	531	0	263	
Furskins 2/	---	---	---	---	---	---		NA	NA	NA	2,002	1,891	
Bristles, crude	Lb.	164	78	155	77	223		136	74	265	122	314	
Feathers and down	do.	506	581	472	349	328		1,097	785	418	433	514	
Gelatin, inedible	do.	1,427	992	1,439	1,110	3,867		131	111	152	129	480	
Seeds	do.	495	2,545	705	44	0		64	392	151	17	0	
Drugs, herbs, and roots	do.	78	68	28	24	14		35	16	8	8	6	
Essential oils	Lb.	5	0	0	10	8		18	0	0	33	43	
Other	---	---	---	---	---	---		416	570	321	339	520	
Total	---	---	---	---	---	---		46,854	50,958	52,464	49,618	64,572	
Romania:													
Pork, canned	Lb.	0	34	0	433	4,303		6	24	0	287	2,845	
Cheese	do.	1,891	2,255	1,581	2,458	2,132		589	696	490	778	733	
Mushrooms	do.	33	54	21	6	1		35	52	25	9	4	
Prunes and plums, dried	do.	615	464	568	89	0		57	41	46	5	0	
Onions, dried	do.	0	0	67	22	0		0	0	16	6	0	
Coriander seed	do.	769	541	655	325	1,436		60	42	57	29	116	
Poppy seed	Cwt.	23	4	6	11	21		406	109	203	303	487	
Paprika	Lb.	0	0	44	0	0		0	0	13	0	0	
Feathers and down	do.	227	136	216	230	434		149	110	219	252	504	
Drugs, herbs, and roots	do.	56	6	51	29	46		20	7	12	8	18	
Wine	Gal.	3	1	6	3	17		5	2	12	7	52	
Other	---	---	---	---	---	---		6	23	14	17	520	
Total	---	---	---	---	---	---		1,327	1,106	1,107	1,701	5,279	
USSR:													
Mushrooms	Lb.	11	15	18	7	7		24	34	40	17	7	
Sheep and lamb skins	No.	45	2	0	0	0		228	9	0	0	0	
Furskins 2/	---	---	---	---	---	---		NA	NA	NA	2,731	3,007	
Bristles, crude	Lb.	102	114	67	1	53		521	497	270	4	240	
Bones, crude	Lb.	0	0	0	1/	1		0	0	0	23	170	
Licorice root	do.	10,505	4,383	0	2,603	0		520	218	0	129	0	

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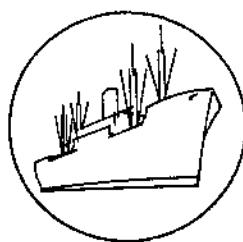
Table 12.--U.S. agricultural imports from COMECON: Quantity and value by country and commodity, calendar years 1968-72--Continued

Country and Commodity	Unit	Quantity						Value					
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972		
		-- Thousands --						-- \$1,000 dollars --					
USSR--Continued													
Pine needle oil	Lb.	13	7	30	29	14	29	14	76	74	35		
Drugs, herbs, and roots	do.	18	2	1/	5	39	3	1/	1/	1	151		
Essential oils	do.	27	16	9	5	28	100	62	25	22	58		
Other		---	---	---	---	---	820	112	95	19	181		
Total		---	---	---	---	---	2,245	946	506	3,020	3,849		
Total COMECON:													
Horses	No.	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	34	77	197	79	252		
Pork, canned	Lb.	57,375	56,071	62,126	62,185	78,368	40,029	46,466	51,456	48,468	61,073		
Other meat	do.	1,763	860	377	188	227	630	268	155	78	104		
Casein	do.	11,157	2,775	878	2,348	7,040	2,144	543	235	944	3,386		
Cheese	do.	7,072	5,623	5,090	5,347	6,238	1,889	1,536	1,308	1,613	2,190		
Fruits and vegetables		---	---	---	---	---	1,947	1,658	2,132	1,040	2,168		
Confectionery products 2/	do.	NA	NA	NA	2,096	2,341	NA	NA	NA	375	470		
Ale, beer	Gal.	71	79	91	108	111	70	78	109	127	146		
Wine	do.	126	105	121	141	168	430	381	417	461	631		
Corn seed	Bu.	0	0	0	53	67	0	0	0	659	455		
Poppy seed	Cwt.	42	15	19	17	28	796	394	600	511	677		
Caraway seed	Lb.	3,007	2,370	2,204	821	2,129	465	361	365	227	826		
Licorice root	do.	10,505	4,383	0	2,603	0	520	218	0	129	0		
Paprika	do.	2,744	1,754	2,456	1,352	1,172	920	586	791	458	443		
Other spices	do.	4,023	3,344	986	679	1,911	598	506	174	174	336		
Furskins 2/		---	---	---	---	---	NA	NA	NA	4,958	5,127		
Hides and skins, excluding furskins		---	---	---	---	---	568	788	530	26	277		
Bristles, crude	Lb.	281	223	265	95	294	682	659	655	175	598		
Feathers and down	do.	940	814	749	629	850	1,413	980	720	762	1,132		
Gelatin, inedible	do.	1,427	1,036	1,440	1,110	4,090	131	121	151	129	499		
Drugs, herbs, and roots	do.	10,960	4,907	406	3,191	843	640	323	102	299	402		
Rose oil	Oz.	24	10	18	9	14	495	262	649	326	542		
Other essential oils	Lb.	26	14	52	96	63	161	86	129	354	188		
Other		---	---	---	---	---	2,469	663	773	448	1,065		
Total		---	---	---	---	---	57,091	56,954	51,648	62,820	82,987		

1/ Less than 500.

2/ Formerly classified as nonagricultural items (1968-70).

NA = Not Available.



Government Program Export Highlights

JULY-MARCH 1972/73

Although total U.S. agricultural exports were at a record level of \$8.9 billion during July-March, 49 percent above last year, exports under Government-financed programs increased only slightly--from \$645.9 million to \$667.0 million. Sales for local currency dropped sharply to \$4.1 million (\$98.0 million last year) as that part of P.L. 480 continues to be phased out. South Vietnam, the Republic of China, and Cambodia were the only active program countries during July-March. Title II donations, both Government-to-government and through voluntary relief agencies, also declined. Shipments under Mutual Security (AID), reported for July-December only, totaled \$20.1 million, compared with \$42.1 million a year earlier.

However, these declines were more than offset by a 57-percent increase in long-term dollar credit sales, which totaled \$461.5 million during July-March. Exports under the barter program, considered to be commercial, were up over \$100 million and totaled \$790.6 million. Credit sales (Export-Import Bank loans and CCC credit sales)--also considered commercial--advanced to \$714.1 million, compared with \$351.8 million last year.

Wheat and flour, feed grains, rice, cotton, and oilseeds and products accounted for 84 percent of the agricultural exports shipped under Government-financed programs during July-March. Shipments of dairy products, mainly nonfat dry milk, declined about two-thirds and totaled \$19.9 million. Soybean oil exports declined 53 percent to \$33.9 million. The export value of all other major commodities was above the corresponding period last year. In most cases, the value increase was greater than the quantity increase because of higher prices.

Korea, South Vietnam, Indonesia, and Pakistan were the major recipients of exports moving under Title I. Title II shipments went mostly to Bangladesh, India, the Philippines, Brazil, Turkey, and Korea.

Table 13.--U.S. agricultural exports: Specified Government-financed programs, commercial sales for dollars, and total; value by commodity, July-March 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity	Exports under Government-financed programs 1/			Commercial sales for dollars 2/			Total agricultural exports		
	1971/72	1972/73	Change	1971/72	1972/73	Change	1971/72	1972/73	Change
	<u>-- Million dollars --</u>								
Total	645.9	667.0	+21.1	5,317.9	8,224.8	+2,906.9	5,963.8	8,891.8	+2,928.0
Wheat and wheat flour	189.1	210.8	+21.7	541.3	1,319.8	+778.5	730.4	1,530.6	+800.2
Feed grains, excluding products	44.4	62.7	+18.3	744.9	1,500.0	+755.1	789.3	1,562.7	+773.4
Rice	111.6	176.4	+64.8	96.7	156.8	+60.1	208.3	333.2	+124.9
Cotton	75.3	72.6	-2.7	356.1	430.8	+74.7	431.4	503.4	+72.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured ...	11.2	14.7	+3.5	459.2	479.9	+20.7	470.4	494.6	+24.2
Oilseeds and products	73.7	34.8	-38.9	1,607.7	2,362.4	+754.7	1,681.4	2,397.2	+715.8
Dairy products	59.3	19.9	-39.4	112.3	50.1	-62.2	171.6	70.0	-101.6
Animal products, except dairy	22.6	8.7	-13.9	562.1	895.5	+333.4	584.7	904.2	+319.5
Fruits and preparations ...	---	.1	+.1	271.6	333.4	+61.8	271.6	333.5	+61.9
Vegetables and preparations	---	---	---	169.4	198.9	+29.5	169.4	198.9	+29.5
Other	58.7	66.3	+7.6	396.6	497.2	+100.6	455.3	563.5	+108.2

1/ Includes sales for foreign currency, long-term dollar and convertible local currency credit sales, Government-to-government donations, and donations through voluntary relief agencies authorized by P.L. 480, as amended; and exports under Mutual Security (AID) programs authorized by P.L. 87-195. (AID exports include data only for July-December in both years.)

2/ "Exports outside specified Government-financed programs" or "Commercial sales" include, in addition to unassisted commercial transactions, shipments of some commodities with governmental assistance in the form of (1) barter transactions involving overseas procurement for U.S. agencies, which benefit the balance of payments and reply primarily on authority other than P.L. 480; (2) extension of credits and credit guarantees for relatively short periods; (3) sales of Government-owned commodities at less than domestic market prices; and (4) export payments in cash.

Table 14.--Barter: Shipments under contracts for overseas procurement for U.S. agencies,
July-March 1971/72 and 1972/73 1/

Commodity	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73
				Thousands	Thousands
Total	---	---	---	687.0	790.6
Wheat (60 lb.)	Bu.	63,414	55,187	104.6	110.7
Barley (48 lb.)	do.	---	13,417	---	22.7
Corn (56 lb.)	do.	39,631	94,275	53.7	138.2
Grain sorghums (56 lb.)	do.	7,177	22,434	9.4	36.1
Rice	Cwt.	3,071	3,308	25.3	31.4
Wheat flour	do.	137	300	.5	1.1
Tallow	Lb.	577,323	559,800	47.5	46.5
Grease	do.	34,907	35,661	2.9	2.8
Tobacco, unmanufactured	do.	147,385	142,538	170.3	174.3
Cotton	R.bale:	1,304	1,207	198.6	191.1
Cottonseed oil	Lb.	176,622	181,933	28.6	24.7
Soybean oil	do.	324,752	98,553	45.6	11.0

1/ Authorized by the Charter Act of the Commodity Credit Corporation and other legislation.

Table 15.--U.S. credit sales of agricultural commodities: Value by commodity,
July-March 1971/72 and 1972/73 1/

Commodity	Export-Import Bank		CCC credit sales		Total credit sales	
	loans and medium-term guarantees <u>2/</u>		1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73
	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73
-- <u>Million dollars</u> --						
Total	69.1	52.0	282.7	662.1	351.8	714.1
Wheat	---	---	85.9	365.2	85.9	365.2
Barley	---	---	16.0	1.5	16.0	1.5
Corn	---	---	33.1	136.7	33.1	136.7
Grain sorghums	---	---	.6	2.7	.6	2.7
Rice	---	---	10.6	11.3	10.6	11.3
Rye	---	---	1.7	---	1.7	---
Cotton	52.8	51.9	55.5	72.3	108.3	124.2
Tobacco	10.0	---	38.7	30.0	48.7	30.0
Soybeans	6.3	---	---	---	6.3	---
Soybean oil	---	---	25.8	26.0	25.8	26.0
Cottonseed oil	---	---	5.4	9.2	5.4	9.2
Linseed oil	---	---	.9	5.2	.9	5.2
Butter	---	---	1.5	---	1.5	---
Tallow	---	---	5.2	1.5	5.2	1.5
Cattle	-.1	-.8	.1	.8	.2	.2
Raisins	---	---	.3	.2	.3	.2
Prunes	---	---	.2	.2	.2	.2
Alfalfa seed	---	---	.5	---	.5	---

1/ Credits for relatively short periods repayable in dollars plus interest (covering the financing costs of the lending agency).

2/ Includes disbursements by the Export-Import Bank and disbursements by the U.S. commercial banks under Export-Import Bank medium-term guarantees against political and/or financial risk.

Table 16.--U.S. agricultural exports: Specified Government-financed programs, commercial, and total; quantity and value,
July-March 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity	Specified Government-financed programs						Commercial						Total agricultural exports					
	Unit	Quantity		Value		Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value		
		1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73		1971/72	1972/73		1971/72	1972/73		1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73
		Thousand units	Thousand units	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Thousand units	Thousand units	1,000 dollars	Thousand units	1,000 dollars	Thousand units	Thousand units	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 units	1,000 units	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Total	---	---	645.9	667.0	---	---	5,317.9	8,224.8	---	---	---	---	5,963.8	8,891.8				
Breeding chicks	No.	192	97	.2	.1	11,223	9,144	11.0	10.3	11,415	9,241	11.2	10.4					
Milk, evaporated or condensed	Lb.	9,670	---	2.9	---	27,313	36,563	5.3	5.5	36,983	36,563	8.2	6.6					
Milk, nonfat, dry	do.	141,646	59,691	56.4	19.9	108,354	71,762	14.6	14.4	250,000	131,453	71.0	34.3					
Wheat (60 lb.)	Bu.	93,550	75,957	154.1	167.5	307,913	692,949	518.5	1,294.0	401,463	768,906	672.6	1,461.5					
Rice, milled	Cwt.	15,481	19,243	111.6	176.4	10,591	14,911	96.7	136.8	26,072	34,154	208.3	333.2					
Corn (56 lb.)	Bu.	14,070	24,504	20.2	37.7	458,309	794,571	629.8	1,226.4	472,379	819,075	650.0	1,264.1					
Grain sorghums (56 lb.)	do.	16,506	16,748	24.2	25.0	59,932	134,557	84.2	216.3	76,438	1/151,305	108.4	241.3					
Wheat Flour	Cwt.	8,557	9,356	35.0	43.3	5,577	5,047	22.8	25.8	14,134	14,403	57.8	69.1					
Cornmeal	do.	437	549	2.0	2.6	735	1,135	3.2	5.1	1,172	1,684	5.2	7.7					
Bulgur wheat	Lb.	344,203	367,205	14.2	25.5	44,166	145,892	2.5	3.8	388,369	513,097	16.7	29.3					
Rolled wheat	do.	5,106	1,200	.2	.1	2,219	2,932	.4	.5	7,325	4,132	.6	.6					
Oatmeal and rolled oats	do.	25,444	31,394	1.4	2.1	19,134	36,731	1.1	2.7	1/44,578	1/68,125	1/2.5	1/4.8					
Infants' and dietetic foods	do.	2,398	987	1.5	.7	16,875	12,813	10.8	8.8	19,273	13,800	12.3	9.5					
Corn-soy-a-milk	do.	311,007	230,333	28.7	22.1	21,201	24,130	2.2	2.0	2/332,208	2/254,463	2/30.9	2/24.1					
Wheat-soya-blend	do.	83,063	101,619	6.2	9.1	3/-11,491	3/-17,847	3/-8.8	3/-1.6	2/71,572	2/83,772	2/5.4	2/7.5					
Soybean oil cake and meal	S.ton	20	7	1.7	.8	3,373	3,642	299.6	457.8	3,393	3,649	301.3	458.6					
Soya flour	Lb.	3,607	630	.4	.1	54,348	383,958	4.4	24.1	57,955	384,588	4.8	24.2					
Lard	do.	---	1,797	---	.1	151,430	109,257	17.6	13.2	151,430	111,054	17.6	13.3					
Tallow, inedible	do.	250,502	104,156	22.0	8.3	1,523,324	1,606,119	125.4	135.2	1,773,826	1,710,275	147.4	143.5					
Tobacco, unmanufactured	do.	11,179	13,518	11.2	14.7	445,711	438,513	459.2	479.9	456,890	452,031	470.4	494.6					
Cattle hides	No.	2	---	4/	--	12,560	15,286	109.3	293.1	12,562	15,286	109.3	293.1					
Cotton	Rbale	471	496	75.3	72	2,275	2,689	356.1	430.8	2,746	3,185	431.4	503.4					
Soybean oil	Lb.	328,628	249,126	71.6	3.9	786,726	602,383	92.0	70.2	1,115,354	851,509	163.6	104.1					
Essential oils	---	---	5/	---	.2	5/	5/	28.5	30.3	5/	5/	28.5	30.5					
Other	---	---	---	4.9	4.2	---	---	2,423.5	3,318.3	---	---	2,428.4	3,322.5					

^{1/} Total exports include those reported by Census plus foreign donations through voluntary relief agencies. Relief shipments of these commodities are not separately reported by Census.

^{2/} Total exports include those reported by Census plus Government-to-government donations. Nonrelief shipments of these items are not separately reported by Census.

^{3/} The excess of Government program shipments over total exports may be attributed to lags in reporting or to differences in classification procedures.

^{4/} Less than \$50,000.

^{5/} Reported in value only.

Table 17.--U.S. agricultural exports: Specified Government-financed programs; quantity by commodity,
July-March 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity	Unit	Title I				Title II donations				AID 1/	Specified Government- financed programs
		Local currency	Long-term dollar credit sales	Government-to- government	Voluntary relief agencies						
		1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73
-- Thousands --											
Breeding chicks	No.	---	---	---	---	---	---	192	97	192	97
Milk, evaporated or condensed	Lb.	9,670	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,670	---
Milk, nonfat dry	do.	15,821	---	3,649	---	12,958	125,825	43,084	---	141,646	59,691
Wheat (0 lb.)	Bu.	17,843	60,373	55,402	9,465	17,588	4,971	2,967	898	93,550	75,957
Rice, milled	Cwt.	2,695	---	9,217	18,539	2,232	700	---	4	1,337	15,481
Corn (1 lb.)	Bu.	2,170	356	9,903	22,139	1,997	1,970	---	39	---	14,070
Grain sorghums (56 lb.)	do.	---	---	14,191	15,019	2,315	1,725	---	4	---	16,506
Wheat flour	Cwt.	350	---	3,065	2,235	3,023	4,165	2,119	2,947	---	8,557
Cornmeal	do.	---	---	---	---	160	207	277	342	---	437
Bulgur wheat	Lb.	---	---	11,014	1,018	170,228	95,890	162,961	270,297	---	344,203
Rolled wheat	do.	---	---	---	---	2,420	1,200	2,686	---	---	5,106
Oatmeal and rolled oats	do.	---	---	---	---	1,133	2,193	24,311	29,201	---	25,444
Infants' and dietetic foods	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,398	987	2,398
Corn-soya-milk	do.	---	---	---	86,123	58,123	224,884	172,210	---	311,007	230,333
Wheat-soya-blend	do.	---	---	---	39,420	36,782	43,643	64,837	---	83,063	101,619
Soybean oil cake and meal	S. ton	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	7	20
Soya flour	Lb.	---	---	---	3,577	500	30	100	---	30	3,607
Lard	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,797	---
Tallow, inedible	do.	---	---	1,102	---	---	---	---	250,502	103,054	250,502
Tobacco, unmanufactured	do.	10,704	475	13,518	---	---	---	---	---	11,179	13,518
Cattle hides	No.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
Cotton	R. bale	114	21	357	421	---	---	---	---	54	471
Soybean oil	do.	34,321	---	187,055	121,323	---	62,075	74,057	65,728	33,195	328,628
Essential oils	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2/	2/

1/ Includes data for July-December only.

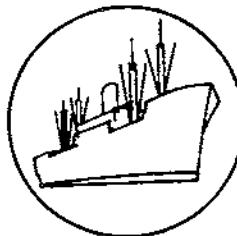
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Table 18.--U.S. agricultural exports: Specified Government-financed programs; value by commodity,
July-March 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity	Title I				Title II donations				Specified Government- Financed programs				
	Local currency	Long-term dollar credit sales	Government-to- government	Voluntary relief agencies	AID 1/	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73
	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	1971/72	1972/73	
-- Million dollars --													
Total	98.0	4.1	293.6	461.5	107.4	96.1	104.8	85.2	42.1	20.1	645.9	667.0	
Breeding chicks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.2	.1	.2	.1	
Milk, evaporated or condensed	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.9	---	
Milk, nonfat dry	4.5	---	1.3	10.6	4.3	41.3	14.3	---	---	---	56.4	19.9	
Wheat	29.1	---	98.0	125.8	17.0	35.5	8.5	6.2	1.5	---	154.1	167.5	
Rice	19.2	---	64.3	169.4	19.2	7.0	---	2/	8.9	---	111.6	176.4	
Corn	3.3	.6	13.9	33.9	3.0	3.1	---	.1	---	---	20.2	37.7	
Grain sorghums	---	---	20.4	21.9	3.8	3.1	---	2/	---	---	24.2	25.0	
Wheat flour	1.4	---	12.9	11.3	12.0	18.5	8.7	13.5	---	2/	35.0	43.3	
Cornmeal	---	---	---	---	.7	1.0	1.3	1.6	---	---	2.0	2.6	
Bulgur wheat	---	.4	5.6	7.3	4.8	6.5	15.1	---	---	---	14.2	25.5	
Rolled wheat	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	1.3	2.0	---	---	2.2	.1	
Oatmeal and rolled oats	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	1.3	2.0	---	---	1.4	2.1	
Infants' and dietetic foods	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.5	---	1.5	.7	
Corn-soya-milk	---	---	---	---	9.2	6.2	19.5	15.9	---	---	28.7	22.1	
Wheat-soya-blend	---	---	---	---	3.0	3.5	3.2	5.6	---	---	6.2	9.1	
Soybean oil cake and meal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.7	---	1.7	.8	
Soya flour	---	---	---	---	.4	.1	2/	2/	---	---	.4	.1	
Lard	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.1	
Tallow, inedible	---	---	---	.1	---	---	---	---	22.0	8.2	22.0	8.3	
Tobacco, unmanufactured	10.7	---	.5	14.7	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.2	14.7	
Cattle hides	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2/	---	2/	---	
Cotton	18.4	2.8	56.9	60.3	---	---	---	---	---	9.5	75.3	72.6	
Soybean oil	7.0	---	24.9	14.2	21.0	8.8	14.4	10.9	4.3	---	71.6	33.9	
Essential oils	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.2	---	.2	
Other	1.5	.7	1.4	3.0	---	---	---	---	2.0	.5	4.9	4.2	

1/ Includes data for July-December only.

2/ Less than \$50,000.



International Price Highlights

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During April, most prices shown in table 19 were higher than in March. Feed grain and cow meat prices were the exception. Most feed grain prices continued a slight downward drift. Only the price of U.S. No. 3 yellow corn, c.i.f. U.K., was up 2 percent because it applied to April arrivals. The delayed harvest of the Argentine corn crop strengthened the demand for immediate arrivals of U.S. corn.

Prices for U.S. wheat were up 3 percent, both on a f.o.b. Gulf port basis and a c.i.f. U.K. basis. Canadian wheat prices, at Lake Superior ports as well as c.i.f. U.K., were unchanged. Australian wheat, c.i.f. U.K., was no longer quoted.

The export price of Thai rice also has not been quoted. However, a negotiated price of \$200 a metric ton f.o.b. Bangkok was reported for 5,000 tons of rice for export to Cambodia. That price would be about in line with February and March quotations for Thai export rice. Domestic wholesale quotations for milled rice in Bangkok advanced from the first to the second week of April but remained unchanged through the remainder of the month. Only 60,000 tons of rice were exported through the port of Bangkok during April, compared with 147,000 tons a year earlier.

The price of soybeans, c.i.f. U.K., for November arrival was \$181.76 a metric ton, up 1 percent from March but significantly below the first quotations for November arrival reported in February and almost one-fourth below the January price, which pertained to May arrivals. A c.i.f. U.K. price for current crop soybeans is no longer quoted; but the f.o.b. vessel, Gulf ports price, prompt or 30-day shipment, averaged \$254.36 a metric ton (\$6.92 a bushel) in April. The c.i.f. Rotterdam price for soybean meal was \$243.25 a metric ton, 2 percent more than in March but still considerably below the record price of \$256.88 reported in February.

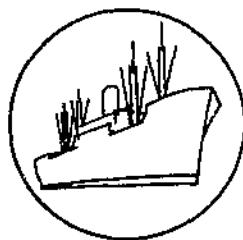
The April price of American cotton, Memphis Territory, strict middling, 1-1/16 inches, c.i.f. Liverpool, was 46 cents a pound, fractionally higher than a month earlier. That price had fallen to a seasonal low point of 31 cents in September but has risen steadily since then; it averaged 37 cents from April 1972 to March 1973.

The price of imported cow meat, 90 percent lean, frozen, boneless, f.o.b. U.S. port of entry, at 84 cents a pound, was 7 percent lower than in March, the most recent record, and 2 percent below its February level, which had also been a peak. Price quotations at the approximate April price continued during most of May.

Sugar, coffee, cocoa bean, and rubber prices advanced. The price of cocoa beans increased the most--it was 17 percent higher than in March and 79 percent higher than in April 1972. The rubber price had reached a long-time low point in April 1972. It has climbed each month since then. The April 1973 price was 7 percent above a month earlier and 87 percent above a year earlier.

Coffee and sugar prices advanced 2 percent from March to April. Harvest of the Brazilian coffee crop affected by the July 1972 freeze has now begun. First news of that freeze last July caused the New York spot price of No. 4 Santos coffee to rise from 47.45 cents a pound in June to 59.75 cents in August, a 26-percent increase. Thereafter, the price dropped slightly, stabilized in the 57-58 cent range during September through January, but rose to 64 cents in April. That price is 39 percent above a year earlier.

By contrast, the world market sugar price was rather stable at a high level from December through April. It amounted to 9.1 cents a pound in April and averaged the same for the 5-month period, December through April. The April price of sugar destined for the U.S. market was 8.34 cents a pound, 6 percent higher than in February. In February, a temporarily low price made it necessary to reduce the determination of U.S. sugar requirements. In April, the New York price was 9.65 cents a pound. This was still 1.6 percent below the average price objective of 9.81 cents then applicable. (The price objective moves with the average of the parity and wholesale price indexes for the most recent 2 months. Thus, during April, the February-March average of these indexes was applicable.)



Export Highlights

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS HIT \$10.2 BILLION RECORD IN JULY-APRIL

U.S. exports of farm products during July-April 1972/73 broke the \$10 billion level and were 54 percent above the comparable period of a year earlier. A sharp increase in grain exports accounted for over half the total gain. Also making important contributions were soybeans, soybean meal, cattle hides, cotton, fruits, and vegetables. Increased tobacco shipments to the United Kingdom and Japan just about offset a decline in tobacco volume to the six original members of the European Community. The value of tobacco exports increased nearly 10 percent, however, because of higher prices. Only exports of dairy products and vegetable oils were below the value of a year earlier.

April agricultural exports totaled \$1.26 billion, down slightly from the March record of \$1.41 billion, but still the second highest monthly total on record. During the first 10 months of fiscal 1973, the volume of U.S. agricultural exports gained about one-third, while export prices increased by about 16 percent. Thus, around three-fifths of the value increase during July-April stemmed from increased volume and the balance, from higher prices. Export prices rose sharply for soybeans, soybean meal, grains, most fruits and vegetables, meats, cattle hides, and nuts (table 21).

On a country basis, value increases were highest for the USSR, Japan, and countries of the enlarged EC. Gains also occurred in the value of exports to Other Asia, Other Western Europe, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Direct agricultural exports to USSR rose by more than sixfold in July-April to \$672 million, but the increase accounted for only 16 percent of the total value rise in U.S. agricultural exports in July-April. Wheat exports to the USSR totaled 242 million bushels; feed grains, 2.8 million tons; soybeans, 28 million bushels; linseed oil, 46 million pounds; and lemons, 11 million pounds. Exports of cattle hides fell in quantity to 334,000 pieces from 540,000 a year earlier. However, value was up nearly two-fifths because of higher prices.

Agricultural exports to the enlarged European Community rose by 42 percent to \$2.91 billion in July-April 1972/73, from \$2.04 billion a year earlier. Three-fourths of the overall gain occurred in nonvariable-levy commodities, with exports of soybeans and soybean products showing the largest increase and accounting for most of the overall gain. But exports were also up for cotton, fruits and preparations, vegetables and preparations, hides and skins, tallow, tobacco, corn byproducts, and variety meats. A substantial part of this increase stemmed from higher export unit values.

Exports of variable-levy commodities to the EC totaled \$749 million for July-April. Increased exports of feed grains, wheat, and rice accounted for most of the 42-percent rise to \$749 million. Some of the grain exports, especially those going to the Netherlands and West Germany, included quantities that will be transshipped to other countries, especially Eastern Europe, this year.

Table 20.--U.S. agricultural exports to the People's Republic of China:
Quantity and value by commodity, April 1973 and July-April 1972/73

Commodity	Unit	April		July-April	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		Thou-	1,000	Thou-	1,000
		sands	dollars	sands	dollars
Wheat, unmilled	M.ton	0	0	542	34,004
Corn, unmilled	do.	62	4,609	635	43,586
Soybeans	do.	17	4,811	17	4,811
Cattle hides, whole	No.	0	0	10	244
Cotton	R.bale	0	0	41	6,930
Soybean oil, crude	Lb.	15,432	2,415	82,468	9,334
Total	---	---	11,835	---	98,909

Poultry product exports, especially turkeys, were up, but shipments of broilers and fryers fell from the level of a year earlier. Exports of eggs and egg products were nearly double the level of a year earlier, primarily because plentiful U.S. supplies at attractive prices encouraged exports during the earlier part of the fiscal year. In recent months, supplies have declined and exports have returned to the levels of a year earlier. Exports of dairy products fell by \$46 million to the enlarged EC in July-April. A year earlier, the United Kingdom purchased large quantities from the United States because of the worldwide butter shortage.

U.S. agricultural exports to Japan rose 89 percent to \$1.79 billion in July-April 1972/73. Nearly all commodity groups showed substantial gains, but feed grain exports rose the most, increasing from 2.9 million to 7.1 million tons. Reduced supplies from other major exporters, the possibility of a longshoremen's strike on the U.S. west coast, and uncertainty as to 1973 world grain production encouraged the Japanese to step up their purchases from the United States. Pork exports to Japan rose to 69 million pounds from 27 million a year earlier. Reduced supplies of mutton from Australia and increased consumption caused Japan to purchase more meat from other sources, including the United States.

U.S. wheat exports to Japan rose by 50 percent to 91 million bushels in July-April. Our share of the Japanese wheat market simultaneously increased to 58 percent, primarily because Japan purchased less from Australia, where drought reduced production. Soybean exports to Japan jumped 52 percent in value to \$444 million in July-April, but quantity--104 million bushels--increased only 14 percent. Cotton exports totaled 1.1 billion bales during July-April, a gain of nearly three-fifths. However, some of the cotton reported as destined to Japan may have been shipped to the People's Republic of China. Cattle hide exports to Japan rose to \$141 million--two times larger than a year earlier. Quantity, 7.1 million pieces, was up by nearly two-fifths. Tobacco exports rose 29 percent in value to \$91 million, but quantity was up 17 percent to 73 million. U.S. exports of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and soybean meal to Japan also increased.

Table 21.--U.S. agricultural exports: Value by commodity,
July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity	July-April		Change
	1971/72	1972/73 1/	
-- Million dollars --			
Animals and animal products:			
Dairy products	184	76	-59
Fats, oils, and greases	193	188	-3
Hides and skins, including furskins :	190	422	+122
Cattle hides, whole	117	313	+168
Furskins	49	74	+51
Other hides and skins	24	35	+46
Meats and meat products	134	232	+73
Poultry and poultry products	68	81	+19
Other	67	104	+55
Total animals and products	<u>836</u>	<u>1,103</u>	+32
Cotton, excluding linters	477	596	+25
Feeds and fodders, excluding protein meal:			
Corn byproducts	36	53	+47
Alfalfa meal	16	14	-13
Other	58	102	+76
Total feeds and fodders, except oil cake and meal	<u>110</u>	<u>169</u>	+54
Fruits and preparations	301	370	+23
Grains and preparations:			
Feed grains, excluding products	888	1,763	+99
Rice	231	381	+65
Wheat and products	833	1,804	+117
Other	77	95	+23
Total grains and preparations	<u>2,029</u>	<u>4,043</u>	+99
Nuts and preparations	72	78	+8
Oilseeds and products:			
Cottonseed and soybean oils	233	171	-27
Soybeans	1,175	1,811	+54
Protein meal	337	552	+64
Other	117	225	+92
Total oilseeds and products	<u>1,862</u>	<u>2,759</u>	+48
Tobacco, unmanufactured	491	540	+10
Vegetables and preparations	191	228	+19
Other	222	270	+22
Total exports	<u>6,591</u>	<u>10,156</u>	+54

1/ Preliminary.

Table 22.--U.S. farm export unit values, July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73 1/

Commodity	Unit	Average unit value <u>2/</u>		Change
		1971/72	1972/73	
		Dollars	Dollars	
Cattle hides	No.	8.91	19.26	+10.35 +116
Raisins	Lb.	.18	.37	.19 +106
Grapes, fresh	do.	.12	.20	.08 +67
Pork, except offals	do.	.41	.63	.22 +54
Soybean meal	S.ton	89.23	130.22	+40.99 +46
Dried peas	Lb.	.05	.07	.02 +40
Soybeans	Bu.	3.19	4.13	.94 +29
Rice, milled basis	Lb.	.08	.10	.02 +25
Offals, edible	do.	.29	.36	.07 +24
Wheat	Bu.	1.67	1.93	.26 +16
Almonds, shelled	Lb.	.70	.81	.11 +16
Feed grains	M.ton	54.27	62.16	+7.89 +15
Grain sorghum	Bu.	1.41	1.61	.20 +14
Corn	do.	1.38	1.57	.19 +14
Tallow, inedible	Lb.	.08	.09	.01 +13
Oranges <u>3/</u>	do.	.09	.10	.01 +11
Tobacco, flue-cured <u>4/</u>	do.	.97	1.06	.09 +9
Beef and veal, except offals ..	do.	.95	1.04	.09 +9
Lemons and limes	do.	.11	.12	.01 +9
Peaches	do.	.14	.15	.01 +7
Tobacco, flue-cured <u>5/</u>	do.	1.30	1.38	.08 +6
Tobacco, unmanufactured	do.	1.03	1.09	.06 +6
Fruit cocktail	do.	.19	.20	.01 +5
Chickens	do.	.27	.27	0 0
Alfalfa meal <u>6/</u>	S.ton	52.89	52.82	-.07 0
Cotton, raw	R.bale	157.99	157.12	-.87 -1
Dried beans	Lb.	.12	.11	-.01 -8
Cottonseed oil	do.	.15	.13	-.02 -13
Soybean oil	do.	.15	.12	-.03 -20

1/ Listed in order of percentage change from previous year. 2/ Total export value reported divided by total quantity exported. 3/ Includes tangerines and clementines. 4/ Unstemmed. 5/ Stemmed.
6/ Dehydrated.

Table 23.--U.S. agricultural exports by regions,
July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73

Region <u>1/</u>	1971/72	1972/73	Change
	-- Million dollars --		<u>Percent</u>
Western Europe	2,500	3,617	+45
Enlarged EC	2,044	2,906	+42
Eastern Europe and USSR <u>2/</u>	264	1,018	+286
USSR	103	672	+552
Asia	2,261	3,577	+58
Japan	945	1,787	+89
People's Republic of China	0	99	---
Latin America	618	857	+39
Canada	657	746	+14
Africa	252	249	-1
Oceania	40	47	+18
Total	6,591	10,156	+54

1/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

2/ Includes Yugoslavia.

Table 25.--U.S. exports to the enlarged EC: Value by commodity,
April and July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity	April		July-April	
	1972	1973	1971/72	1972/73
-- 1,000 dollars --				
Variable-levy commodities: 1/				
Feed grains	23,029	49,536	351,811	513,866
Corn	21,899	47,685	339,944	494,579
Grain sorghums	1,130	3	11,452	12,213
Barley	0	1,803	415	6,550
Oats	0	45	0	524
Rice	2,616	6,563	19,388	33,055
Rye grain	0	357	414	532
Wheat grain	5,858	16,969	72,738	153,175
Wheat flour	52	74	839	617
Beef and veal, excl. variety meats ...	249	317	1,099	1,817
Pork, excl. variety meats	4	18	239	200
Lard 2/	387	831	13,822	9,161
Dairy products	165	6	46,400	334
Poultry and eggs	989	1,197	10,197	14,524
Live poultry	301	183	1,382	1,097
Broilers and fryers	40	96	841	326
Stewing chickens	0	0	2	15
Turkeys	438	587	6,585	10,271
Other fresh poultry	0	102	10	239
Eggs	210	229	1,377	2,576
Other	1,825	3,003	11,156	21,472
Total variable-levy items	35,174	78,871	528,103	748,753
Nonvariable-levy commodities:				
Canned poultry 3/	115	24	307	730
Cotton, excl. linters	3,560	10,535	63,128	102,801
Fruits and preparations	5,878	7,923	62,804	81,956
Fresh fruits	1,580	3,906	18,246	24,614
Citrus	1,205	2,654	15,444	19,093
Oranges and tangerines	92	15	4,929	3,589
Lemons and limes	677	2,088	7,905	11,020
Grapefruits	435	551	2,604	4,465
Other	1	0	6	19
Apples	72	518	1,369	2,995
Grapes	0	0	403	1,035
Other	303	734	1,030	1,491
Dried fruits	963	1,462	18,123	21,389
Raisins	506	254	7,015	6,006
Prunes	400	1,026	9,023	12,002
Other	57	182	2,085	3,381
Fruit juices	1,663	1,133	10,592	10,720
Orange	1,138	726	6,864	7,071
Grapefruit	364	179	1,945	2,003
Other	161	228	1,783	1,646
Canned fruits 4/	1,602	1,258	14,515	22,952
Peaches	363	213	4,721	5,518
Fruit cocktail	261	817	2,696	4,992
Pineapples	760	135	5,436	5,492
Other	218	93	1,662	6,950

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Table 25.--U.S. exports to the enlarged EC: Value by commodity,
April and July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73--Continued

Commodity	April		July-April	
			1971/72	1972/73
	1972	1973		
-- 1,000 dollars --				
Nonvariable-levy commodities--Con:				
Other fruits	70	164	1,328	2,281
Vegetables and preparations	3,746	5,117	39,996	43,686
Pulse	1,160	2,584	19,673	23,206
Dried beans	526	1,378	14,132	14,698
Dried peas	634	1,206	5,541	8,508
Fresh vegetables	879	380	1,987	2,021
Canned vegetables	181	196	1,646	2,324
Asparagus	70	1	655	502
Other	111	195	991	1,822
Hops	188	117	6,435	4,172
Other vegetables and preparations..	1,338	1,840	10,255	11,963
Hides and skins	5,433	10,855	49,494	90,639
Cattle hides	1,208	3,684	15,602	41,002
Calf and kip skins	251	127	1,546	2,110
Other	3,974	7,044	32,346	47,527
Oilseeds and products	74,709	151,162	813,632	1,260,388
Oil cake and meal	12,831	41,138	244,451	336,131
Soybean	11,617	40,123	234,452	318,954
Other	1,214	1,015	9,999	17,177
Oilseeds	60,097	107,317	532,967	888,188
Soybeans	54,984	104,139	517,627	813,069
Flaxseed	1,128	3	1,164	21,570
Other	3,985	3,175	14,176	53,549
Vegetable oils	1,781	2,707	36,214	36,069
Cottonseed	847	800	13,478	9,941
Soybean	38	8	278	187
Linseed	11	10	1,261	6,337
Other	885	1,889	21,197	19,604
Tallow 3/	2,571	5,164	32,013	35,842
Tobacco, unmanufactured	9,969	28,516	241,583	261,225
Variety meats, fresh or frozen 3/ ..	4,583	7,973	53,821	68,495
Nuts and preparations	2,440	1,290	34,946	33,542
Corn byproducts, feed 4/	3,915	6,776	34,800	51,586
Food for relief and charity	35	4	822	176
Other	6,906	16,446	88,532	126,614
Total nonvariable-levy items	123,860	251,785	1,515,878	2,157,680
Total enlarged EC	159,034	330,656	2,043,981	2,906,433

1/ Grains, poultry, and pork were subject to variable levies beginning on July 30, 1962; rice, on Sept. 1, 1964; and beef and dairy products, on Nov. 1, 1964. 2/ Lard for food is a variable-levy commodity, while lard for industrial use is bound in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) at 3 percent ad valorem. U.S. lard is for food use. 3/ Although canned poultry, and pork variety meats are subject to variable levies, these cannot exceed the amount of import duties bound in GATT. 4/ Variable levy on sugar-added content. 5/ Mainly corn gluten feed and meal, which are nonvariable-levy commodities; but may contain small quantities of other corn products, subject to variable levies (see "Export Highlights, March 1970").

Table 26.--U.S. exports to the EC: Value by commodity,
April and July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73

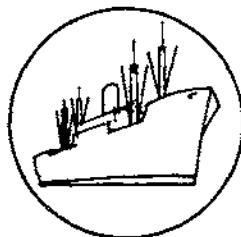
Commodity	April		July-April	
	1972	1973	1971/72	1972/73
-- 1,000 dollars --				
Variable-levy commodities: 1/				
Feed grains	16,885	40,793	300,924	421,837
Corn	16,733	38,950	290,510	406,094
Grain sorghums	152	1	10,252	8,678
Barley	0	1,803	162	6,547
Oats	0	39	0	518
Rice	119	4,855	10,975	22,389
Rye grain	0	357	414	532
Wheat grain	2,574	11,468	47,392	121,063
Wheat flour	48	74	794	597
Beef and veal, excl. variety meats	180	244	795	1,165
Pork, excl. variety meats	4	16	212	193
Lard 2/	5	0	166	313
Dairy products	1	2	1,189	52
Poultry and eggs	793	1,048	8,640	11,885
Live poultry	268	183	1,337	1,046
Broilers and fryers	36	83	757	256
Stewing chickens	0	0	2	11
Turkeys	361	472	5,407	8,573
Other fresh poultry	0	97	7	185
Eggs	128	213	1,130	1,814
Other	1,553	2,303	8,416	16,388
Total variable-levy items	22,162	61,160	379,917	596,414
 Nonvariable-levy commodities:				
Canned poultry 3/	115	21	288	558
Cotton, excl. linters	2,759	8,556	51,428	90,528
Fruits and preparations	4,513	6,006	46,964	63,626
Fresh fruits	1,327	3,429	15,152	19,772
Citrus	1,064	2,377	14,356	17,448
Oranges and tangerines	92	0	4,501	3,021
Lemons and limes	610	1,937	7,478	10,413
Grapefruits	361	440	2,373	3,995
Other	1	0	4	19
Apples	0	368	3	969
Grapes	0	0	84	119
Other	263	684	709	1,236
Dried fruits	356	934	9,640	13,442
Raisins	191	113	2,332	2,891
Prunes	109	725	5,769	8,481
Other	56	96	1,539	2,070
Fruit juices	1,359	981	8,638	8,899
Orange	935	605	5,521	5,829
Grapefruit	284	154	1,477	1,629
Other	140	222	1,640	1,441
Canned fruits 4/	1,427	617	12,903	20,188
Peaches	350	201	4,501	5,370
Fruit cocktail	174	240	2,122	3,638
Pineapples	709	98	4,946	4,938
Other	194	79	1,334	6,242

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Table 26.--U.S. exports to the EC: Value by commodity,
April and July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73--Cont'd

Commodity	April		July-April	
	1972	1973	1971/72	1972/73
-- 1,000 dollars --				
Nonvariable-levy commodities--Con:				
Other fruits	44	45	631	1,325
Vegetables and preparations	1,598	3,168	21,955	27,369
Pulse	517	1,582	8,464	15,697
Dried beans	258	838	5,437	10,123
Dried peas	259	744	3,027	5,574
Fresh vegetables	101	227	983	1,518
Canned vegetables	81	113	586	1,218
Asparagus	0	1	98	51
Other	81	112	488	1,167
Hops	142	52	5,918	1,817
Other vegetables and preparations..	757	1,194	6,004	7,119
Hides and skins	3,484	7,701	33,539	67,562
Cattle hides	1,092	3,234	13,545	36,318
Calf and kip skins	242	127	1,454	1,975
Other	2,150	4,340	18,540	29,269
Oilseeds and products	64,501	133,879	720,640	1,102,410
Oil cake and meal	11,369	34,544	224,475	306,466
Soybean	10,270	33,843	215,624	290,795
Other	1,099	701	8,851	15,671
Oilseeds	51,979	97,371	467,838	771,800
Soybeans	47,132	94,935	454,367	699,288
Flaxseed	1,128	3	1,164	21,570
Other	3,719	2,433	12,307	50,942
Vegetable oils	1,153	1,964	28,327	24,144
Cottonseed	317	635	10,078	5,302
Soybean	25	8	177	106
Linseed	11	2	145	4,512
Other	800	1,319	17,927	14,224
Tallow 3/	2,503	4,071	28,122	29,601
Tobacco, unmanufactured	5,675	20,912	118,247	115,915
Variety meats, fresh or frozen 3/ ..	3,658	5,462	43,406	49,379
Nuts and preparations	1,593	674	26,997	23,584
Corn byproducts, feed 5/	3,912	6,776	34,790	51,583
Food for relief and charity	0	1	324	169
Other	4,208	12,397	56,998	85,810
Total nonvariable-levy items	98,519	209,624	1,183,698	1,708,094
Total EC	120,681	270,784	1,563,615	2,304,508

1/ Grains, poultry, and pork were subject to variable levies beginning on July 30, 1962; rice, on Sept. 1, 1964; and beef and dairy products, on Nov. 1, 1964. 2/ Lard for food is a variable-levy commodity, while lard for industrial use is bound in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) at 3 percent ad valorem. U.S. lard is for food use. 3/ Although canned poultry, and pork variety meats are subject to variable levies, these cannot exceed the amount of import duties bound in GATT. 4/ Variable levy on sugar-added content. 5/ Mainly corn gluten feed and meal, which are nonvariable-levy commodities; but may contain small quantities of other corn products, subject to variable levies (see "Export Highlights, March 1970").



Import Highlights

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORT VALUE EXPANDS 18 PERCENT IN JULY-APRIL

Agricultural imports in April amounted to a record \$696 million, reflecting increased demand and higher prices. In contrast with previous seasonal patterns, farm product inflows advanced from March to April instead of declining. Imports of fruits and vegetables increased, primarily because of bad weather in major U.S. producing areas. Price increases raised import values more rapidly than did the gain in volume for livestock and livestock products, coffee, cocoa, and rubber. Dairy product imports responded to larger quotas.

Cumulative July-April 1972/73 imports totaled \$5.87 billion, 18 percent above the corresponding 1971/72 period. Volume, however, grew less than 4 percent. Competitive farm commodities, making up 64 percent of the total, grew in value to \$3.78 billion. Higher prices accounted for more than two-thirds of the increase. Among commodity groups, strong import growth took place for cattle, meat, dairy products, hides and skins, apparel wool, fruits, edible nuts, vegetables, wines, grains, and nursery stock.

Some particularly large individual volume increases included skim milk powder, eggs, ossein, apples, grapefruit, grape juice, frozen strawberries, oranges, pears, dry beans, cucumbers, onions, peppers, tomatoes, tomato paste, mushrooms, barley, castor oil, cut flowers, animal feed, and flower bulbs.

For noncompetitive agricultural imports, value rose 19 percent to \$2.09 billion. All of this rise was due to price increases as volume remained at its previous year's level. Sharp unit value gains were evident for coffee, cocoa beans, natural rubber, and carpet wool. Volume was higher for bananas, cocoa butter, essential oils, silk, and spices.

Table 27.--U.S. agricultural imports: Value by commodity,
July-April 1971/72 and 1972/73

Commodity or commodity group	July-April		Change	
	1971/72 : 1972/73			
	1/	1/		
<u>Supplementary</u>		-- Million dollars --	Percent	
Animals and animal products:				
Cattle and calves	118	164	+39	
Dairy products and eggs	118	149	+26	
Hides and skins, including furskins	81	120	+48	
Meats and meat products, excluding poultry:				
Beef and veal	628	794	+26	
Pork	242	266	+10	
Other meats and products	39	44	+13	
Sausage casings	22	22	0	
Wool, apparel	19	30	+58	
Other animals and animal products	79	89	+13	
Total animals and products	<u>1,346</u>	<u>1,678</u>	+25	
Cotton, raw, excluding linters	10	5	-50	
Feeds and fodders, excluding oil cake	28	38	+36	
Fruits and preparations	130	156	+20	
Grains and preparations	63	85	+35	
Nuts and preparations, edible	92	106	+15	
Oilseeds, oilnuts, and products:				
Coconut oil	58	48	-17	
Copra	20	21	+5	
Olive oil	18	19	+6	
Other oilseeds and products	71	85	+20	
Seeds and nursery stock, excluding oilseeds	33	42	+27	
Sugar and molasses:				
Sugar, cane	681	672	-1	
Molasses, inedible	40	52	+30	
Tobacco, unmanufactured	135	126	-7	
Vegetables and preparations	266	334	+26	
Wines and malt beverages:				
Wines	148	197	+33	
Malt beverages	28	33	+18	
Other supplementary vegetable products	<u>69</u>	<u>86</u>	+25	
Total supplementary products	<u>3,236</u>	<u>3,783</u>	+17	
<u>Complementary</u>				
Bananas, fresh	145	160	+10	
Cocoa and chocolate:				
Cocoa beans	144	151	+5	
Cocoa butter	15	25	+67	
Cocoa and chocolate prepared	47	52	+11	
Coffee:				
Coffee, green or crude	936	1,178	+26	
Coffee, soluble	49	83	+69	
Drugs, crude.....	25	25	0	
Essential oils	29	34	+17	
Fibers, unmanufactured	16	16	0	
Rubber, crude:				
Rubber, crude, dry form	151	150	-1	
Rubber, latex	25	23	-8	
Silk, raw	3	6	+100	
Spices	51	54	+6	
Tea, crude	57	53	-7	
Wool, carpet	34	39	+15	
Other complementary products	<u>32</u>	<u>41</u>	+28	
Total complementary products	<u>1,759</u>	<u>2,090</u>	+19	
Total agricultural imports 2/	<u>4,995</u>	<u>5,872</u>	+18	

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 28.--Average unit values for principal imported agricultural products;
April 1972-73 and July-April 1971/72-1972/73

Commodity	Unit	April		July-April	
		1972	1973	1971/72	1972/73
		:	:	:	:
-- Dollars --					
Cattle, 200-700 lbs.	No. :	104.01	171.84	108.95	136.95
Beef, boneless, fresh or frozen	:Lb. :	.55	.73	.54	.61
Pork hams and shoulders, canned	:do. :	.85	1.14	.83	.92
Cheese, Emmenthaler	:do. :	.61	.70	.60	.63
Cheese, Edam and Gouda	:do. :	.66	.73	.60	.65
Casein, excluding mixtures	:do. :	.52	.41	.38	.46
Sheep and lamb skins	:do. :	.83	1.58	.86	1.24
Wool, apparel	:Glb.:	.52	1.08	.49	.82
Cotton, raw	:Rble:	200.67	172.00	174.73	153.16
Apples	:Lb. :	.10	.12	.08	.09
Oranges	:do. :	.08	.06	.06	.07
Oranges, canned mandarin	:do. :	.20	.21	.21	.23
Pineapples, canned	:do. :	.11	.12	.12	.12
Strawberries, frozen	:do. :	.15	.21	.14	.20
Brazil nuts, shelled	:do. :	.43	.46	.51	.47
Cashew nuts, shelled	:do. :	.59	.60	.61	.62
Pistache nuts, shelled	:do. :	1.12	1.91	1.15	1.84
Barley, unmilled	:Bu. :	1.37	1.78	1.17	1.54
Biscuits, cakes, wafers, etc.	:Lb. :	.39	.42	.39	.43
Copra	:do. :	.06	.08	.07	.06
Coconut oil	:do. :	.10	.08	.11	.08
Palm oil	:do. :	.10	.09	.11	.08
Sugar, cane or beet	:Ston:	157.60	168.37	147.87	162.24
Molasses, inedible	:Gal.:	.14	.21	.12	.15
Cucumbers, fresh	:Lb. :	.07	.09	.08	.09
Onions	:do. :	.09	.09	.08	.08
Peppers	:do. :	.17	.19	.18	.19
Squash	:do. :	.10	.13	.13	.13
Tomatoes, fresh	:do. :	.15	.15	.15	.15
Tomatoes, canned	:do. :	.10	.12	.10	.11
Tomato paste and sauce	:do. :	.15	.16	.14	.15
Tobacco leaf, oriental	:do. :	.59	.59	.62	.60
Beer and ale	:Gal.:	1.24	1.36	1.19	1.28
Wines, still grape.....	:do. :	4.38	4.49	4.10	4.29
Bananas, fresh	:Lb. :	.04	.05	.04	.05
Coffee, green	:do. :	.40	.54	.40	.48
Coffee, roasted or ground	:do. :	.49	.49	.48	.55
Coffee, soluble	:do. :	1.30	1.77	1.36	1.41
Cocoa beans	:do. :	.22	.33	.22	.30
Cocoa butter	:do. :	.51	.78	.51	.67
Lime oil	:do. :	6.68	5.74	6.23	6.65
Sisal and henequen	:do. :	104.63	132.66	108.13	122.80
Rubber, natural, dry form	:do. :	.14	.20	.14	.15
Rubber, natural, latex	:do. :	.18	.19	.16	.16
Pepper, unground, black	:do. :	.41	.42	.42	.38
Silk, raw	:do. :	8.00	10.01	7.99	8.81
Vanilla beans	:do. :	5.08	0	4.70	4.14
Tea, crude	:do. :	.42	.38	.42	.40
Wool, carpet	:Glb.:	.42	.89	.39	.66

TABLE 29.--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	JULY-APRIL				APRIL			
		QUANTITY		VALUE		QUANTITY		VALUE	
		71/72 THOU.	72/73 1/ THOU.	71/72 1,000 DOL.	72/73 1/ 1,000 DOL.	1972 THOU.	1973 1/ THOU.	1972 1,000 DOL.	1973 1/ 1,000 DOL.
POULTRY PRODUCTS									
EGGS, DRIED AND OTHERWISE PRESERVED	LB	535	35	2,825	4,242	---	---	144	553
EGGS IN THE SHELL	DOZ	1,831	7,003	337	25	5	2	5	1
POULTRY MEAT	LB	826	597	1,509	3,293	70	1,248	80	450
				980	924	57	38	59	102
OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS									
BEESWAX	LB	2,480	1,808	1,674	1,156	301	240	205	159
BONES, HOOFS, AND HORNS	---	---	---	3,903	4,592	---	---	683	247
BRISTLES, CRUDE OR PREPARED	LB	2,576	2,623	9,453	9,850	299	292	1,348	1,138
FATS, OILS, AND GREASES	LB	14,226	17,105	2,829	2,529	1,832	4,318	390	440
FEATHERS AND DOWNS, CRUDE, SORTED	LB	5,182	6,889	9,247	12,855	739	794	1,253	1,378
GELATIN	---	---	---	9,465	12,382	---	---	1,132	1,321
HAIR, UNMANUFACTURED	LB	2,730	5,493	3,263	5,678	196	341	362	321
SAUSAGE CASINGS	---	---	---	21,752	21,621	---	---	2,100	2,580
OSSEIN	LB	8,108	12,110	2,499	5,052	956	1,174	394	459
RENNET	LB	760	1,016	2,075	2,493	122	185	255	239
WOOL, UNMANUFACTURED, EX FREE IN BOND	GLB	38,636	36,734	18,890	30,069	5,978	3,154	3,138	3,419
OTHER	---	---	---	14,098	15,579	---	---	1,669	1,795
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS									
				1,890,524	2,104,732	---	---	208,272	267,937
COTTON, UNMANUFACTURED	RBA	98	60	11,108	5,908	17	3	1,515	419
COTTON, RAW	RBA	55	32	9,610	4,901	6	2	1,204	344
LINTERS	RBA	43	28	1,497	1,007	11	1	311	75
FRUITS AND PREPARATIONS									
APPLES, FRESH	LB	57,149	88,365	4,805	8,254	5,955	8,111	610	1,003
APPLE AND PEAR JUICES	GAL	29,653	11,089	8,260	6,137	3,628	1,113	1,051	554
BLUEBERRIES	LB	10,165	13,423	2,600	4,650	806	589	251	271
STRAWBERRIES	LB	113,257	114,799	16,667	22,079	17,914	34,127	2,632	6,985
OTHER BERRIES	LB	16,382	15,529	3,053	3,271	553	333	144	98
CHERRIES	LB	7,694	7,946	2,366	2,574	357	140	97	64
DATES	LB	29,560	34,538	2,827	3,754	79	26	11	11
FIGS	LB	11,278	8,905	1,336	1,500	2,669	328	217	59
GRAPES	LB	23,435	26,478	3,065	4,623	7,284	6,416	1,144	1,338
MELONS	LB	157,544	150,869	6,938	8,368	95,658	85,385	4,100	4,700
ORANGES, MANDARIN, CANNED	LB	57,892	69,665	11,980	15,682	7,116	9,493	1,426	1,961
ORANGES, FRESH	LB	70,533	115,770	4,517	7,636	4,009	11,788	329	708
ORANGE JUICE, CONCENTRATED	GAL	33,254	18,855	12,541	7,013	1,505	1,103	575	387
PEARS, FRESH	LB	6,926	19,244	935	2,595	5,360	10,735	759	1,266
PEARS, PREP OR PRES	LB	10,391	7,146	1,174	835	264	36	30	5
PINEAPPLES, CND, PREP OR PRES	LB	198,139	197,816	23,861	24,621	21,246	21,596	2,416	2,701
PINEAPPLE JUICE	GAL	8,758	6,883	2,160	1,590	1,076	1,006	253	196
JELLIES AND JAMS	LB	10,761	8,061	2,868	2,563	1,307	772	305	262
OTHER	---	---	---	18,344	28,052	---	---	2,136	4,089

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TABLE 29.--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	JULY-APRIL				APRIL			
		QUANTITY		VALUE		QUANTITY		VALUE	
		71/72 THOU.	72/73 1/ THOU.	71/72 1,000 DOL.	72/73 1/ 1,000 DOL.	1972 THOU.	1973 1/ THOU.	1972 1,000 DOL.	1973 1/ 1,000 DOL.
NUTS AND PREPARATIONS	---	---	---	92,319	105,706	---	---	4,772	10,620
ALMONDS	LB	162	373	143	295	2	12	2	9
BRAZIL NUTS	LB	23,842	35,397	8,281	10,769	526	556	193	257
CASHEW NUTS	LB	87,620	94,033	53,327	58,155	4,071	8,295	2,405	4,960
CHESTNUTS	LB	8,538	10,017	2,630	3,744	21	84	13	50
COCONUT MEAT, FR, PREP, OR PRES	LB	101,030	86,978	12,247	9,123	14,368	6,270	1,534	725
FILBERTS	LB	3,831	5,761	2,234	3,370	196	720	113	423
PISTACHE NUTS	LB	15,040	21,969	10,970	17,012	427	4,639	336	3,677
WALNUTS	LB	211	1,060	89	700	66	428	38	295
OTHER	---	---	---	2,397	2,537	---	---	138	223
GRAINS AND PREPARATIONS	---	---	---	63,249	85,048	---	---	5,269	9,760
BARLEY	BU	7,588	11,056	8,858	16,988	62	1,611	85	2,862
BARLEY MALT	CWT	252	223	1,275	1,207	33	33	155	197
CORN	BU	955	762	1,709	1,506	71	109	141	254
DATS	BU	1,624	2,348	1,520	2,082	261	61	265	83
RICE	LB	94,583	23,082	4,621	1,702	2,999	1,768	147	156
RYE	BU	241	154	258	166	0	0	0	0
WHEAT	BU	97	7	179	24	0	0	0	0
WHEAT FLOUR	CWT	8	18	49	89	0	0	1	0
WHEAT GLUTEN	LB	20,414	27,320	4,914	6,972	3,596	2,101	864	592
BISCUITS, CAKES, WAFERS, ETC	LB	67,733	81,768	26,474	35,155	5,614	8,390	2,210	3,483
BREAD CRUMBS	LB	19,390	20,724	2,552	3,121	1,978	2,249	252	315
BREAD, YEAST-LEAVENED	LB	5,462	4,147	1,152	1,048	492	387	108	125
MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, ETC	LB	27,962	39,907	5,323	7,650	2,993	4,218	611	846
OTHER	---	---	---	4,366	7,339	---	---	431	849
OILBEARING MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS	---	---	---	167,416	172,519	---	---	15,800	16,322
OIL CAKE AND MEAL	STN	8	20	383	1,294	1	2	38	252
OILSEEDS AND OILNUTS	---	---	---	33,041	35,137	---	---	3,263	3,681
COPRA	LB	297,076	377,465	20,182	20,962	24,864	28,130	1,509	2,169
SESAME SEED	LB	37,503	44,042	6,491	7,742	6,118	5,484	982	965
OTHER	---	---	---	6,358	6,433	---	---	771	548
VEGETABLE OILS AND WAXES	LB	1,017,697	1,172,885	133,992	136,088	96,302	84,320	12,499	12,388
CARNAUBA	LB	6,991	7,359	2,758	3,029	319	455	139	208
CASTOR OIL	LB	67,166	76,296	9,815	20,588	17,310	6,905	2,564	2,641
COCONUT OIL	LB	518,890	576,523	58,132	47,755	27,308	36,728	2,648	3,053
OLIVE OIL, EDIBLE	LB	50,819	43,950	17,522	19,253	5,355	5,223	1,978	2,575
PALM OIL	LB	249,986	346,314	26,434	28,783	36,794	26,541	3,730	2,367
PALM KERNEL OIL	LB	81,318	75,376	11,826	8,325	7,319	6,107	907	871
TUNG OIL	LB	18,456	17,891	1,893	1,767	0	0	0	0
OTHER	LB	24,071	29,177	5,614	6,588	1,896	2,360	532	673

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TABLE 29.--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	JULY-APRIL					APRIL				
		QUANTITY		VALUE		1972 THOU.	QUANTITY		VALUE		1973 THOU.
		71/72 THOU.	72/73 THOU.	71/72 1,000 DOL.	72/73 1,000 DOL.		1973 THOU.	1972 1,000 DOL.	1973 1,000 DOL.	1973 1,000 DOL.	
SUGAR AND RELATED PRODUCTS	---	---	---	750,559	760,662	---	---	---	80,799	91,953	
SUGAR	STN	4,607	4,139	681,232	671,503	442	477	69,659	80,313		
MOLASSES, INEDIBLE	GAL	333,622	338,018	40,081	51,734	54,942	34,588	7,608	7,405		
MAPLE SUGAR AND SIRUP	LB	5,316	7,537	3,309	5,046	476	1,046	366	678		
CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	LB	63,197	70,095	20,307	25,922	6,248	8,225	1,855	3,045		
HONEY	LB	19,187	17,078	3,946	4,482	5,626	1,365	1,266	444		
OTHER	---	---	---	1,685	1,976	---	---	45	68		
VEGETABLES AND PREPARATIONS	---	---	---	265,861	333,914	---	---	44,203	61,924		
FRESH OR FROZEN:	---	---	---								
BEANS	LB	16,431	16,093	2,160	2,224	2,232	4,363	300	592		
CARROTS	LB	52,684	52,233	2,434	2,478	936	1,830	40	47		
CUCUMBERS	LB	154,623	176,525	12,262	15,776	22,226	42,527	1,549	4,007		
DASHEENS	LB	13,211	17,163	1,408	2,147	1,462	1,478	154	185		
EGGPLANT	LB	22,151	33,398	2,288	3,747	2,619	7,979	309	863		
GARLIC	LB	11,404	14,318	2,730	4,342	1,360	1,929	378	556		
ONIONS	LB	53,882	131,890	4,424	10,084	5,270	33,972	467	2,979		
PEAS	LB	8,334	10,220	1,988	2,470	713	1,868	219	504		
PEPPERS	LB	60,486	77,047	10,734	14,696	8,323	16,950	1,374	3,204		
POTATOES, WHITE OR IRISH	CWT	934	716	2,173	2,633	113	98	333	437		
SQUASH	LB	34,899	37,604	4,639	5,012	2,544	7,051	262	900		
TOMATOES	LB	441,539	541,791	66,862	83,248	126,937	195,675	18,938	29,522		
TURNIPS OR RUTABAGS	CWT	815	849	3,019	4,734	57	70	227	412		
OTHER	---	---	---	8,550	10,116	---	---	934	1,247		
PREPARED OR PRESERVED:	---	---	---								
CASSAVA, FLOUR, STARCH, AND TAPIOCA	LB	128,304	81,384	5,379	3,647	15,452	12,798	643	579		
HOPS	LB	11,584	12,922	11,073	12,366	1,282	10	1,407	16		
MUSHROOMS, INCLUDING DRIED	LB	27,194	39,048	20,803	28,485	5,968	4,470	4,233	3,159		
OLIVES, IN BRINE	GAL	13,735	14,606	38,054	42,351	1,393	1,320	4,064	4,244		
ONIONS	LB	5,356	5,232	1,279	1,582	509	470	131	149		
PEAS, EX DRIED	LB	13,572	8,992	3,224	2,061	3,346	1,416	781	303		
PICKLED VEGETABLES	LB	32,860	45,224	4,963	6,598	3,292	3,433	527	695		
TOMATOES	LB	118,216	110,992	11,284	12,228	19,374	8,222	1,889	998		
TOMATO PASTE AND SAUCE	LB	86,696	112,841	11,993	17,338	8,114	11,011	1,206	1,743		
OTHER	---	---	---	32,139	43,553	---	---	3,842	4,584		
OTHER VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	---	---	---								
BROOMCORN	STN	9	11	5,383	6,757	1	1	282	516		
CUT FLOWERS	---	---	---	2,604	4,800	---	---	314	509		
ESSENTIAL OR DISTILLED OILS	LB	1,847	1,900	5,858	4,755	266	169	1,327	268		
FEEDS AND FODDERS, EX OIL CAKE&MEAL	---	---	---	28,277	38,130	---	---	3,251	3,306		
FLAVORING EXTRACTS	---	---	---	3,404	6,267	---	---	437	880		
JUTE AND JUTE BUTTS, UNMANUFACTURED	LTN	11	15	2,009	3,354	2	5	391	870		
MALT LIQUORS	GAL	23,775	25,675	28,260	32,977	1,073	2,895	1,326	3,931		
NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE STOCK	---	---	---	16,873	22,974	---	---	838	1,410		
SEEDS, EXCEPT OILSEEDS	LB	45,267	49,334	16,145	19,355	5,465	3,780	1,721	1,659		
SPICES	LB	22,106	22,329	7,689	8,115	2,958	2,459	1,291	940		
TOBACCO, UNMANUFACTURED	LB	227,407	214,098	134,627	126,014	18,335	21,768	11,215	12,799		
WINES	GAL	33,688	43,038	148,421	196,676	3,019	4,575	13,906	21,638		
OTHER	---	---	---	10,165	14,999	---	---	1,130	1,556		

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TABLE 29.--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	JULY-APRIL				APRIL			
		QUANTITY		VALUE		QUANTITY		VALUE	
		71/72 THOU.	72/73 1/ THOU.	71/72 1,000 DOL.	72/73 1/ 1,000 DOL.	1972 THOU.	1973 1/ THOU.	1972 1,000 DOL.	1973 1/ 1,000 DOL.
COMPLEMENTARY	---	---	---	1,759,113	2,089,694	---	---	139,989	248,092
BANANAS	LB	3,301,744	3,527,545	144,657	160,179	327,574	361,702	14,214	16,350
PLANTAINS	LB	72,761	89,768	3,551	3,889	9,146	10,471	467	470
COFFEE, GREEN	LB	2,368,477	2,446,960	935,940	1,177,537	151,594	269,784	61,079	145,070
COFFEE EXTRACTS, ESSENCES, CONCENTRATES	LB	36,228	58,790	49,153	82,946	3,138	6,526	4,094	11,575
COCOA BEANS	LB	642,937	505,710	143,876	151,471	64,549	64,920	14,268	21,628
COCOA BUTTER	LB	29,220	37,532	14,825	25,125	4,209	3,182	2,157	2,491
COCOA AND CHOCOLATE PREPARATIONS	LB	181,045	192,202	47,081	51,810	16,836	19,296	3,470	4,570
DRUGS, HERBS, ROOTS, ETC	LB	63,039	56,726	24,663	25,299	13,851	1,836	3,609	2,982
ESSENTIAL OR DISTILLED OILS	LB	9,010	10,143	29,027	34,104	1,083	911	2,893	3,072
FIBERS, UNMANUFACTURED	LTN	81	71	16,368	15,635	6	9	1,265	1,887
RUBBER, CRUDE, NATURAL:									
RUBBER, DRY FORM	LB	1,042,631	983,800	150,595	149,976	95,493	84,716	13,067	17,346
RUBBER, LATEX	LB	157,502	143,321	25,179	23,458	11,179	12,196	1,988	2,297
SILK, RAW	LB	354	711	2,828	6,266	15	102	120	1,021
SPICES:									
PEPPER, UNGROUND, BLACK	LB	37,324	51,119	15,761	19,644	2,093	4,501	856	1,876
VANILLA BEANS	LB	2,032	2,648	9,541	10,969	543	0	2,759	0
OTHER	LB	62,000	59,314	25,827	23,261	6,521	6,731	2,794	2,806
TEA	LB	135,416	131,068	56,795	52,656	10,165	14,107	4,221	5,382
WOOL, UNMANUFACTURED, FREE IN BOND	GLB	86,097	59,296	33,716	39,160	9,969	4,475	4,208	3,995
DTHER	---	---	---	29,728	36,307	---	---	2,459	3,273

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Explanatory Note

U.S. foreign agricultural trade statistics in this report include official U.S. data based on compilations of the Bureau of the Census. Agricultural commodities consist of (1) nonmarine food products and (2) other products of agriculture which have not passed through complex processes of manufacture such as raw hides and skins, fats and oils, and wine. Such manufactured products as textiles, leather, boots and shoes, cigarettes, naval stores, forestry products, and distilled alcoholic beverages are not considered agricultural.

The trade statistics exclude shipments between the 50 States and Puerto Rico, between the 50 States and the island possessions, between Puerto Rico and the island possessions, among the island possessions, and in transit through the United States from one foreign country to another when documented as such through U.S. Customs.

EXPORTS The export statistics also exclude shipments to the U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use and supplies for vessels and planes engaged in foreign trade. Data on shipments valued at less than \$251 are not compiled by commodity and are excluded from agricultural statistics but are reflected in nonagricultural and overall export totals in this report. The agricultural export statistics include shipments under P.L. 83-480 (Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act), and related laws; under P.L. 87-195 (Act for International Development); and involving Government payments to exporters. (USDA payments are excluded from the export value.) Separate statistics on Government program exports are compiled by USDA from data obtained from operating agencies.

The export value, the value at the port of exportation, is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port. The country of destination is the country of ultimate destination or where the commodities are to be consumed, further processed, or manufactured. When the shipper does not know the ultimate destination, the shipments are credited to the last country, as known to him at the time of shipment from the United States, to which the commodities are to be shipped in their present form. Except for Canada, export shipments valued at \$251-\$499 are included on the basis of sampling estimates; shipments to Canada valued at \$251-\$1,999 are sampled.

IMPORTS Imports for consumption are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and withdrawals from warehouses for consumption. Data on shipments valued at less than \$251 are estimated on the basis of a 1-percent sample and are not compiled by commodity. They are excluded from agricultural statistics but are reflected in nonagricultural and overall import totals in this report.

The import value, defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excludes import duties, ocean freight, and marine insurance. The country of origin is defined as the country where the commodities were grown or processed. When the country of origin is not known, the imports are credited to the country of shipment.

Imports similar to agricultural commodities produced commercially in the United States and others that are interchangeable in use to any significant extent with such U.S. commodities are supplementary or partly competitive. All other commodities are complementary or noncompetitive.

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